

Murray Patrick

From: Borowski, Steve [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 10:41 AM
To: Murray Patrick
Subject: RE: Valkaria Airport X-59 Gyroplane Crash

Hello Patrick,

Per your request, I had a conversation with William Scott Adair on Saturday April 27th in his hangar at Valkaria airport, X59. He told me he was now "Legal" to fly the gyroplane. I asked him, what does legal mean? and he responded, I have two sign-offs from gyro CFI's and am legal to Solo. I got gyroplane training at another airport (Wauchula I believe). I asked, didn't you solo immediately after the instructor got out of the aircraft? He said no he did not, it's not required by FAR. I told him I didn't think this is the proper procedure, you should solo immediately after the CFI steps out and the instructor remains on site, on the radio and witnesses & supports the first solo flight. He informed me I was incorrect, FAR doesn't require it. He then stated that gyroplane instructors don't or can't get insurance for a student to fly the instructors gyroplane solo, so they won't do it. We then had a discussion on how many hours are required to qualify for a Sport Pilots Certificate and he stated 20Hrs of instruction and that he had that. I assumed he ment 20Hrs in the gyro, but he ment 20 hours total, which he did have in PPG but not in a gyroplane.

I was not able to get the names of the gyroplane instructors he used, yet. I was told one is from Texas and one from Georgia. I will get this information but need more time to talk with local tenants...

Call or e-mail if you need something else. I will get back to you if and when I get the instructors names or other information.

Thank You,
Steve Borowski
Valkaria Airport Manager
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