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GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

CEN12LA066

By Bill Tuccio

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Cockpit Voice Recorder - 12

Group Chairman's Factual Report By Bill Tuccio

A. EVENT

Location: Flint, Michigan

Date: November 16, 2011, 0940 Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Aircraft: Piaggio P180, N168SL Operator: Avantair, Flight 168

NTSB Number: CEN12LA066

B. GROUP

A group was convened on November 23, 2011.

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All times are expressed in EST, unless otherwise noted.

C. SUMMARY

On November 16, 2011, approximately 0940 eastern standard time (EST), a Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. P180 airplane, N168SL, operated as Avantair flight 168, impacted terrain during landing at the Bishop International Airport (FNT), Flint, Michigan. The captain, first officer, and two passengers sustained minor injuries. The airplane, which was owned by Avantair, Inc., Clearwater, Florida, sustained substantial damage. The flight was being conducted under 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 subpart K. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and an instrument flight rules flight plan was filed. The airplane departed the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Detroit, Michigan, approximately 0905, and was destined for the West Bend Municipal Airport, West Bend, Wisconsin. A solid-state cockpit voice recorder (CVR) was sent to the National Transportation Safety Board's Audio Laboratory for readout. The CVR group meeting convened on November 23, 2011 and a partial transcript was prepared for the last 24 minutes, 2 seconds of the 31-minute, 4-second digital recording (see attached).

D. <u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>

On November 18, 2011 the NTSB Vehicle Recorder Division's Audio Laboratory received the following CVR:

Recorder Manufacturer/Model: L-3/Fairchild FA2100-1010

Recorder Serial Number: 000330603

Recorder Description

Per Federal regulation, CVRs record a minimum of the last 30 minutes of aircraft operation; this is accomplished by recording over the oldest audio data. When the CVR is deactivated or removed from the airplane, it retains only the most recent 30 minutes of CVR operation. This model CVR, the L-3/Fairchild FA2100-1010, records 30 minutes of digital audio stored in solid-state memory modules. Four channels of audio information are retained: one channel for each flight crew and one channel for the cockpit area microphone (CAM).

Recorder Damage

Upon arrival at the audio laboratory, it was evident that the CVR had not sustained any heat or structural damage and the audio information was extracted from the recorder normally, without difficulty.

Audio Recording Description

The 31-minute recording consisted of three channels of useable audio information. Each channel's audio quality[†] is indicated in Table 1. Notably, channel number four did not contain any audio information (nor was it required by Federal regulations).

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[†] See attached CVR Quality Rating Scale.

Table 1: Audio Quality

Channel Number	Content/Source	Quality
1	Captain	Excellent
2	First Officer	Excellent
3	CAM	Fair
4	N/A	N/A

Timing and Correlation

Timing on the transcript was established by correlating the air traffic control (ATC) recording transmission time to the corresponding CVR event. Specifically, CVR radio transmissions from N168SL were linked to the corresponding ATC transmissions at 1429:26 UTC, 1429:55 UTC, 1430:09 UTC, and 1430:18 UTC. All CVR events were offset to reflect the local EDT of the accident. This correlation resulted in adding 0919:03.720 to CVR elapsed time to convert to EDT.

Description of Audio Events

The recording began at 0919:04 as the aircraft was climbing to cruise altitude. The transcript began at 0926:06 and continued through the end of the recording at 0950:03. The accident occurred at about 0940. The period from 0940 until the end of the recording records the emergency response and evacuation.

As part of the Safety Board's accident investigation process, the flight crew was invited to review the CVR audio and transcript and suggest corrections or additions. On December 6, 2011 both the captain and first officer performed the review with group member Gari Kohlhof in attendance. Both crewmembers agreed the transmission at 0927:30.5, "what did you do?" was by HOT-2 rather than HOT-1. All other comments from the crew review were related to the context of their cockpit discourse:

- The captain stated regarding the transmission made at 0927:21.7: "All radios were off at this time--dual generator failure."
- The first officer had the following comments:
 - Regarding 0926:06.8, "that's what it was doing the other day too;" the first officer stated, "[There was a] previous left throttle cable issue in YYZ for maintenance."
 - Regarding the groan at 0926:50.5, the first officer stated, "Trying to pull on throttle. Stuck full forward."
 - Regarding the sequence from 0927:21.7 to 0927:30.5, the first officer stated: (a) "all screens went blank, dual generator failure;" (b) "trying to transmit, everything off (screens, radio);" (c) "captain reset right generator."
 - Regarding 0938:02.3, "one of ours is way off and I think it's yours;" the first officer stated, "Gyro's off by 55 degrees."

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CVR Quality Rating Scale

The levels of recording quality are characterized by the following traits of the cockpit voice recorder information:

Excellent Quality

Virtually all of the crew conversations could be accurately and easily understood. The transcript that was developed may indicate only one or two words that were not intelligible. Any loss in the transcript is usually attributed to simultaneous cockpit/radio transmissions that obscure each other.

Good Quality

Most of the crew conversations could be accurately and easily understood. The transcript that was developed may indicate several words or phrases that were not intelligible. Any loss in the transcript can be attributed to minor technical deficiencies or momentary dropouts in the recording system or to a large number of simultaneous cockpit/radio transmissions that obscure each other.

Fair Quality

The majority of the crew conversations were intelligible. The transcript that was developed may indicate passages where conversations were unintelligible or fragmented. This type of recording is usually caused by cockpit noise that obscures portions of the voice signals or by a minor electrical or mechanical failure of the CVR system that distorts or obscures the audio information.

Poor Quality

Extraordinary means had to be used to make some of the crew conversations intelligible. The transcript that was developed may indicate fragmented phrases and conversations and may indicate extensive passages where conversations were missing or unintelligible. This type of recording is usually caused by a combination of a high cockpit noise level with a low voice signal (poor signal-tonoise ratio) or by a mechanical or electrical failure of the CVR system that severely distorts or obscures the audio information.

Unusable

Crew conversations may be discerned, but neither ordinary nor extraordinary means made it possible to develop a meaningful transcript of the conversations. This type of recording is usually caused by an almost total mechanical or electrical failure of the CVR system.

Transcript of a L-3/Fairchild FA2100-1010 solid-state cockpit voice recorder, serial number 000330603, installed on an Avantair Piaggio P180 (N168SL), which crashed during landing at the Bishop International Airport in Flint, Michigan.

LEGEND

CAM	Cockpit area microphone voice or sound source		
НОТ	Flight crew audio panel voice or sound source		
RDO	Radio transmissions from N168SL		
CTR-A	Radio transmission from first Cleveland center controller		
CTR-B	Radio transmission from second Cleveland center controller		
APR	Radio transmission from the Flint approach controller		
TWR	Radio transmission from the Flint airport tower controller		
ARFF	Airport Rescue and Firefighting		
EGPWS	Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System		
-1	Voice identified as the captain		
-2	Voice identified as the first officer		
-3	Voice identified as a passenger		
-?	Voice unidentified		
*	Unintelligible word		
#	Expletive		
@	Non-pertinent word		
()	Questionable insertion		
[]	Editorial insertion		

- Note 1: Times are expressed in eastern standard time (EST).
- Note 2: Generally, only radio transmissions to and from the accident aircraft were transcribed.
- Note 3: Words shown with excess vowels, letters, or drawn out syllables are a phonetic representation of the words as spoken.
- Note 4: A non-pertinent word, where noted, refers to a word not directly related to the operation, control or condition of the aircraft.

TIME and SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT SOURCE

09:19:03.7

START OF RECORDING

09:26:05.8

START OF TRANSCRIPT

09:26:05.8

HOT-? (switch)

09:26:06.8

HOT-2 that's what it was doing the other day too.

09:26:08.8

HOT-1 it wouldn't go forward either?

09:26:10.4

HOT-2 no [low volume].

09:26:13.5

HOT-1 I mean that's a loss of power right there. I can't go past ninety-

five percent at twenty two thousand feet.

09:26:19.9

HOT [sound of cyclical high pitch tone, similar to over torque warning,

continues for 51.938 seconds]

09:26:20.8

HOT-1 oh #.

09:26:23.7

HOT-1 [sigh]

09:26:23.9

HOT-2 okay. okay.

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:26:26.5

HOT-1 that's not good.

09:26:29.9 **HOT-1** #.

09:26:35.5

HOT-1 [sigh]

09:26:40.1

HOT-1 switch.

09:26:43.5

HOT-1 [sigh]

09:26:45.3

HOT-1 we gotta' shut it down #.

09:26:50.5

HOT-1 [groan, similar physical exertion]

09:26:55.5

HOT-1 oh #.

09:27:05.5

CAM [sound of decreasing frequency/noise, similar to engine winding

down]

09:27:05.8

HOT-1 alright declare the emergency.

TIME and TIME and SOURCE **SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:27:11.9 HOT [sound of cyclical high pitch tone that started 51.938 seconds ago ends] 09:27:12.7 HOT-1 go ahead and declare the emergency. 09:27:14.9 RDO-2 09:27:18.2 CTR-A 09:27:18.7 HOT [sound of mid-level tone, similar to autopilot disconnect] 09:27:21.7 HOT-2 [not transmitting on radio, heard in background] ah we've lost the left engine *** [sound of modulation, similar to click on transmit switch]. 09:27:29.7 [sound of single high pitch tone] HOT 09:27:30.5 HOT-1 what did you do?

09:27:31.4

09:27:32.2 **HOT-?** #.

HOT

[sound of single mid level tone]

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT and Avantair one sixty eight we need to declare an emergency. Avantair one sixty eight roger and what's the ah nature and do you need lower.

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:27:32.7

CTR-A

Avantair one sixty eight what's the nature of your emergency

and do you need lower.

09:27:36.5

RDO-2 ah we lost our left engine and yes we need lower.

09:27:37.5

HOT

[sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]

09:27:39.1

CTR-A

Avantair one sixty eight descend and maintain flight level one

eight zero I'll have lower for you in just a moment.

09:27:43.2

RDO-2 okay down to one eight zero Avantair one sixty eight.

09:27:43.3

RDO

[radio transmission of commercial aircraft trying to reach a Navy

aircraft]

09:27:48.7

HOT-1 run through the checklist please. make sure that it's secured.

09:27:51.0

HOT-2 okay.

09:27:53.1

HOT-2 ah engine flight.

09:27:54.9

HOT-1 in flight.

09:27:55.8

HOT-2 power levers idle.

09:27:56.2

HOT-1 ahh.

09:27:57.5

HOT-1 say that again I can't hear ya.

09:27:58.5

HOT-2 power level.

09:28:00.1

HOT-1 unable idle but continue.

09:28:02.2

HOT-2 condition lever.

09:28:03.3

HOT-1 cut-off.

09:28:04.3

HOT-2 firewall...closed.

09:28:06.0

HOT-1 close it please.

09:28:07.0

HOT-2 fuel pump.

09:28:07.7

HOT-1 close it please.

TIME and SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT SOURCE

09:28:09.2

HOT-2 ignition switch.

09:28:10.0

HOT-1 close the firewall please.

09:28:11.7

HOT-2 oh I'm sorry.

09:28:12.9

HOT-2 left side.

09:28:13.8

HOT-1 I concur. agree.

09:28:15.8

CTR-A Avantair one sixty eight descend and maintain one two thousand. Lansing altimeter is two niner niner two.

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:28:21.3

RDO-2 okay down to one two thousand and two niner niner two. Avantair one sixty eight.

09:28:24.9

HOT-1 looks like we're over Flint.

09:28:25.2

CTR-A Avantair one sixty eight do you want to proceed on your present course or do you need to go someplace else?

09:28:30.5

RDO-2 ahhh we're going to need to go to Flint...or Grand Rapids.

TIME and SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:28:33.8

HOT-1 looks like Flint's better.

09:28:33.9

CTR-A Avantair one sixty eight roger. ahhh cleared to the Grand Rapids airport via direct. maintain one two thousand.

09:28:41.1

RDO-2 okay actually the captain wants to go into Flint.

09:28:43.9

CTR-A Avantair one sixty eight roger. fly your ah present heading for now and descend and maintain one two thousand.

09:28:49.6

RDO-2 okay present heading and one two thousand Avantair one sixty eight.

09:28:51.5

HOT-1 [sigh]

09:28:52.0

HOT-1 #' eh continue with the checklist please.

09:28:55.1

HOT-2 okay...ah...ignition switch.

09:28:58.6

HOT-1 ah. go ahead and shut it off.

09:29:04.0

HOT-1 or what does it say?

09:29:06.3

HOT-2 ahhh...generator off.

09:29:08.2

CTR-A Avantair one sixty eight contact the ah Cleveland center one two six point seven five. they'll have a turn back to Flint for ya.

09:29:15.0

RDO-2 one two six seven five Avantair one six eight.

09:29:17.5

CTR-A Avantair one six eight tell them which ah direction you want to turn when you talk to them.

09:29:21.6

RDO-2 okay will do Avantair one sixty eight.

09:29:26.2

RDO-2 and Cleveland center Avantair one sixty eight ahh in an emergency ah going back to Flint and ahh we'd like which direction--

09:29:34.9

HOT-2 which direction you want to turn?

09:29:35.8

HOT-1 which what?

09:29:36.0

CTR-B Avantair one sixty eight (tell us) what was that last part?

09:29:38.8

RDO-2 ahh we're gonna need a turn back to Flint ahh as we get lower.

TIME and TIME and SOURCE **SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT** 09:29:43.3 HOT [sound of low pitch tone, similar to gear aural warning] 09:29:45.0 HOT-2 okay left generator 09:29:45.6 CTR-B Avantair one sixty eight cleared direct Flint. 09:29:49.0 RDO-2 direct Flint Avantair one sixty eight. 09:29:52.1 HOT-2 uhm. 09:29:52.2 CTR-B is it gonna be a left or right turn? 09:29:54.1 HOT-2 what you want? 09:29:54.8 **HOT-1** left. 09:29:55.2

RDO-2 left turn please.

09:29:58.0

HOT-2 bleed air.

09:29:57.3

HOT-1 off.

TIME and TIME and SOURCE **SOURCE AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:30:01.7 HOT-2 ah fire extinguisher button. push. we don't need that. 09:30:03.8 HOT-1 not required. 09:30:05.0 HOT-2 rotary test switch. fire. **. 09:30:06.5 CTR-B Avantair one sixty eight descend and maintain one one thousand. 09:30:07.1 HOT-1 not required. 09:30:08.9 RDO-2 down to one one thousand. Avantair one sixty eight. 09:30:11.6 HOT-2 right. 09:30:14.4 CTR-B Avantair one sixty eight contact Flint approach one one eight point eight. 09:30:17.3 HOT-1 eleven set. 09:30:18.0 RDO-2 one one eight point eight. so long.

TIME and SOURCE	INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT	TIME and SOURCE	AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT
09:30:20.8 HOT-1 [sigh] # unbe	elievable.		
		09:30:25.7 RDO-2	Flint approach Avantair one sixty eight ahhh in an emergency ahh coming back to Flint.
		09:30:31.6 APR	Avantair one sixty eight Flint approach. ah say ah the ah ah nature of the emergency. the number of people on board. and your intentions at Flint.
		09:30:40.6 RDO-2	ah yes we lost the left engine. there's four souls on board. an ah we'll be landing normal at ah Flint. what's the recommended runway?
		09:30:48.4 APR	Avantair one sixty eight we're doing visual approaches to runway two seven today. the current wind is three zero zero at one five. altimeter two niner niner one.
		09:30:57.0 RDO-2	two niner niner one. visual two seven Avantair one sixty eight.
		09:31:00.4 APR	Avantair one sixty eight descend and maintain four thousand and ah how much ah fuel do you have remaining?
		09:31:07.4 RDO-2	ahhhh fifteen hundred pounds.

09:31:10.2 **APR**

fifteen hundred pounds (rog) thank you.

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:31:11.7 HOT-1 wanna look back there and let 'em know we're landing elsewhere for now. 09:31:15.7 HOT-2 guys we're ah landing at Flint we lost our left engine [in background, directed at passengers] 09:31:18.9 yeah I could tell something happened. HOT-3 09:31:20.3 HOT-2 yah. 09:31:21.8 HOT-1 alright. [sigh]. back with me on the checklist here and continue. 09:31:26.0 HOT-2 okay ahhh electric load monitor. 09:31:29.5 HOT-1 check. 09:31:30.3 fuel crossfeed, consider. HOT-2

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09:31:32.0

HOT-1 ahh right now it looks like...okay for now continue.

09:31:34.4

HOT-2 err...land as soon as practical.

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and TIME and SOURCE **SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT** 09:31:36.9 HOT-1 okay go ahead and throw in ahhh...what runway are they using...whatever they are using. 09:31:39.9 HOT-2 two seven. two seven. 09:31:40.3 **APR** Avantair one sixty eight when you're out of your turn the airport will be at your twelve o'clock and about one three miles ah report it in sight. 09:31:47.3 okay will do Avantair one sixty eight. RDO-2 09:31:49.3 HOT-1 two seven. 09:31:51.0 HOT-2 yep.

09:31:55.2

09:31:58.1 **HOT-2**

09:32:03.6

09:32:04.9 **HOT-2**

HOT

nope...nope nope.

ahhh what is it F....whoa careful.

motion]

HOT-1

alright continue I see the airport. don't call it yet.

[sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in

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09:32:08.0

HOT-2 F-N-T.

09:32:09.8

HOT-1 yeah.

09:32:12.1

HOT [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in

motion]

09:32:14.8

HOT [sound of low pitch tone, similar to gear aural warning]

09:32:15.6

APR and Avantair one sixty eight fly heading zero eight zero.

09:32:19.1

RDO-2 zero eight zero Avantair one sixty eight.

09:32:28.5

HOT-2 zero eight zero (buddy). where are you going?

09:32:34.9

HOT-1 alright I like it.

09:32:37.9

HOT-1 autopilot on.

09:32:39.2

HOT-2 alright autopilot engaged.

TIME and SOURCE		TIME and SOURCE	AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT
09:32:48.7 HOT	7 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
		09:32:49.5 APR A	Avantair one sixty eight descend and maintain three thousand.
		09:32:53.0 RDO-2 d	down to three thousand. Avantair one sixty eight.
09:32:57.0 HOT-1	0 three thousand set.		
09:32:59. HOT	5 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
09:33:40.9 HOT	9 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
		09:33:45.8 APR A	Avantair one sixty eight turn right heading zero niner zero.
		09:33:48.6 RDO-2 ri	ight zero nine zero Avantair one sixty eight.
09:33:51.4 HOT-1	4 sorry about that. looking elsewhere.		

09:33:53.6

HOT-1

ah if you get it all in there go ahead and give me a single engine descent checklist please.

TIME and SOURCE INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:33:57.5

HOT-2 okay.

09:34:01.0

HOT-2 alright single engine descent. altimeters.

09:34:05.5

HOT-1 set.

09:34:05.9

HOT-2 recog light.

09:34:07.1

HOT-1 it's on.

09:34:08.1

HOT-2 ah windshield heat.

09:34:09.5

HOT-1 turn it off please.

09:34:12.7

HOT [sound of switch]

09:34:13.5

HOT-2 windshield heat is off.

09:34:14.2

APR Avantair one sixty eight the airport's at your one to two o'clock and five miles.

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:34:19.8

RDO-2

ah we've got the airport. Avantair one sixty eight. ah we're going to make ah circle around for two seven.

09:34:21.5

HOT

[sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]

09:34:26.0

APR

Avantair one sixty eight it's cleared for the visual approach runway two seven. I just want to verify ah you'll be landing two seven you're eastbound at this time so you're just gonna' continue the downwind little bit for two seven setup.

09:34:35.9

RDO-2 ah yes sir.

09:34:37.2

APR

Avantair one sixty eight roger let me know when you're turning your base.

09:34:43.9

HOT-2 you got the field over here?

09:34:44.7

HOT-1 in sight.

09:34:45.6

HOT-2 okay. ah ATIS and F-B-O if able.

09:34:48.7

HOT-1 not required.

09:34:49.4

HOT-2 single engine approach. inoperative engine secured.

09:34:52.3

HOT-1 secured.

09:34:53.3

HOT-2 condition levers max R-P-M.

09:34:55.3

HOT-1 max R-P-M.

09:34:56.1

HOT-2 F-M-(A)-S avionics...set.

09:34:56.9

HOT [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in

motion]

09:34:58.9

HOT-1 ahhh. set.

09:35:00.9

HOT-2 ahhh. approach brief.

09:35:03.5

HOT-1 visual two seven. I don't know what turn off. I have no idea. you

pull out a chart when we get on the ground if you like.

09:35:09.1

HOT-1 uhhhm. flaps mid. ref one thirty.

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:35:13.2 HOT-2 okay. going to turn here or ah? 09:35:14.6 HOT-1 ah not yet. give me a few more feet to descend here. 09:35:16.9 **HOT-2** okay. 09:35:17.7 **HOT-1** continue. 09:35:18.4 HOT-2 auto feather. 09:35:19.8 **HOT-1** off. 09:35:20.5 HOT-2 prop sync. 09:35:21.4 **HOT-1** off. 09:35:22.5 HOT-2 seat belt sign. 09:35:23.4 **HOT-1** on.

09:35:24.3

HOT-2 E-F-B's.

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SOURCE

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AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:35:25.4 HOT-1 secured. 09:35:27.7 HOT-2 okay. 09:35:32.1 HOT-1 # piece of #. 09:35:34.4 HOT-2 I eeh should'uv told you that. [laughter] 09:35:37.1 HOT-1 single engine ahh approach checklist please. did we do that? 09:35:39.9 HOT-2 we just did that sir. 09:35:40.6 HOT-1 okay. 09:35:41.1 thank you. HOT-1 09:35:42.2 HOT-1 thought that was the descent. 09:35:43.4 HOT-2 nope we went right into the approach.

09:35:44.5 **HOT-1**

sounds good.

TIME and

SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:35:52.4 HOT-2 I wouldn't go too far out...it's way back here. 09:35:55.8 HOT-1 okay. 09:35:58.8 HOT [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion] 09:36:06.8 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in HOT motion] 09:36:23.4 HOT [sound of high pitch tone, similar to altitude alert] 09:36:24.9 HOT-2 thousand to go. 09:36:26.2 four descending three thousand. we're in the left turn to HOT-1 base...let him know. I think he wanted to know. 09:36:32.6 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in HOT motion] 09:36:33.2 HOT-2 we're not turnin' base.

09:36:34.9 **HOT-1**

what are we turning?

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

TIME and

SOURCE

09:36:39.1

HOT-1 two seven. right?

09:36:41.5

HOT-2 that's runway nine.

09:36:42.8

HOT-1 uuhhh.

09:36:47.1

HOT-1 my bearings are all #ed up. is this set to two seven?

09:36:49.5

HOT-2 yeah.

09:36:52.5

APR Avantair one sixty eight contact tower one two six point three

and you have a good day.

09:36:55.9

RDO-2 one two six point three. thanks.

09:36:59.2

HOT-1 so two seven's pointing that way. correct? back me up.

09:37:01.7

HOT-2 yep.

09:37:02.2

HOT-1 okay.

TIME and SOURCE	INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT	TIME and SOURCE	AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT
		09:37:06.1 TWR	F-A-A echo roger we do have an emergency in progress. I just want to keep the runways open.
09:37:06.9 HOT	9 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
09:37:10.1 HOT	I [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
		09:37:11.4 RDO-2	and ah Flint tower Avantair one sixty eight ah we're ah[sound of high pitch tone, similar to altitude alerter]to the north for runway two seven and an emergency.
		09:37:20.5 TWR	Avantair one sixty eight Flint tower runway two seven cleared to land. wind two niner zero at one five.
09:37:21.5 HOT	5 [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion]		
		09:37:25.2 RDO-2	two niner zero at one five Avantair one sixty[stammer]eight.
		09:37:31.5 TWR	F-A-A echo. roger.

09:37:36.2 **HOT-2**

that's weird I don't have ah.

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TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:37:44.2 HOT-2 watch your speed. 09:37:48.5 HOT [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in motion] 09:37:50.0 got the runway? HOT-2 09:37:52.0 as long as it's two seven pointing that way. I got the runway. HOT-1 09:37:54.1 [laughter]. HOT-2 09:37:55.8 yeah there's three zero. HOT-2 09:37:57.3 oh wow that's another thing. that's why it's all # up. HOT-2 09:38:02.3 HOT-2 one of ours is way off and I think it's yours. 09:38:04.5 ahhh. okay. HOT-1 09:38:10.5 HOT-1 ahhhhh. this is what the sim is for huh.

09:38:13.0 **HOT-2**

yep.

TIME and

SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:38:29.1

TWR Avantair one sixty eight do you have the airport in sight?

09:38:31.9

RDO-2 ah yes ma'am ah now we're just noticing our gyros are ah

messed too our ... are we ah on base for two seven?

09:38:41.2

TWR Rescue forty ah four can you ah proceed to alpha taxiway. I

need to open up both runways in case he needs to land one

eight.

09:38:50.9

HOT-2 yeh that's uh...we are # up. that's two seven.

09:38:53.3

HOT-1 so we're facing we're facing one eight zero now? so this is

southbound?

09:38:56.5

HOT-2 yeh.

09:38:56.8

HOT [sound of high pitch tone, similar to altitude alert]

09:38:58.7

TWR Rescue forty four ground.

09:38:59.6

HOT-2 turn..turn left.

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:39:06.7 HOT-1 one eight zero you can't even trust this # thing. 09:39:17.2 HOT-1 gear down. flaps mid. before landing checks. 09:39:19.1 [sound of increased noise, similar to landing gear extension] CAM 09:39:24.0 (before landing) checklist. before single engine checklist. HOT-1 09:39:26.2 HOT-2 yep.

[sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in

09:39:26.9

motion]

HOT

TIME and **SOURCE AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT** 09:39:03.2 **TWR** Rescue forty three can you get the other vehicle off the runway please? 09:39:08.4 **TWR** Avantair one sixty eight cleared to land any runway. 09:39:11.9 RDO-2 alright thank you ah one sixty eight. ah we're takin' this one here, we're turnin' now base to final. 09:39:17.3 **TWR** Rescue forty four proceed to alpha taxiway and hold short of two seven and one eight at alpha taxiway.

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:39:28.1

HOT-2 landing gear.

09:39:28.4

TWR wind two niner zero at one eight.

09:39:28.6

HOT-1 down three green.

09:39:32.0

RDO-2 two niner zero at one eight Avantair one sixty eight.

09:39:36.0

HOT-2 ahh...lan...hydraulic pressure.

09:39:37.9

HOT-1 it's checked.

09:39:38.7

HOT-2 condition levers.

09:39:38.9

ARFF Flint ground ** you want us two seven then if he's landing ah

one eight?

09:39:39.9

HOT-1 they're set.

09:39:42.2

HOT-2 flaps.

09:39:42.8

HOT-1 mid.

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:39:43.9

TWR

[stammer] for the rescue vehicles I am not sure what runway he is going to be able to land. just remain clear of all the runways. he has been given a clearance to land on any runway.

09:39:44.7

HOT-2 landing light.

09:39:46.1

HOT-1 flaps mid.

09:39:47.1

HOT-2 and autopilot.

09:39:48.4

HOT-1 flaps mid.

09:39:50.7

HOT-2 *

09:39:50.8

EGPWS five hundred.

09:39:51.6

HOT-1 flaps mid.

09:39:53.4

HOT-2 flaps mid.

09:39:54.0

HOT-1 thank you.

INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:39:55.4

TWR

Rescue forty three if you need to make the one eighty and go to

the east access that's approved.

09:39:59.9

ARFF copy.

09:40:01.0

HOT-1 correcting.

09:40:21.2

CAM [sound of muffled chirp, similar to touchdown]

09:40:21.9

CAM [sound of bump, similar to touchdown]

09:40:22.6

CAM [sound of muffled chirp, similar to touchdown]

09:40:23.1

HOT [sound of repeated, rapid clicking/clacking, similar to trim in

motion lasting for 6.7 seconds]

09:40:24.9

TWR Rescue forty three and forty four you can proceed on runway

one eight.

09:40:29.9

ARFF Forty three and forty four copy. proceeding on one eight. @ go

ahead and follow them down.

TIME and SOURCE **INTRA-AIRCRAFT CONTENT** 09:40:30.2 CAM [sound of decreasing noise frequency, similar to props in beta/reversel 09:40:32.5 HOT-? awe #. 09:40:34.0 [sound of screech, similar to tires skidding] CAM 09:40:34.3 HOT #. 09:40:34.9 [sound of rumble, similar to crash] CAM 09:40:35.0 HOT [sound of loud snap] 09:40:36.4 [increased sound of rumble, scraping, similar to crash] CAM 09:40:41.4

[rapid decrease in noise, similar to motion stopping]

CAM

09:40:43.3 **HOT**

#.

TIME and SOURCE

AIR-GROUND COMMUNICATION CONTENT

09:40:44.5

TWR

Forty four expedite to the ah aircraft vehicle crash vehicle he's flipped over. expedite [stammer] expedite to the to the veh-[stammer] err the aircraft.

09:40:44.8

CAM [sound of muffled movement and voices]

09:40:53.4

CAM [moan]

09:40:54.9

CAM awe #.

09:40:57.6

CAM you guys alright?

09:41:02.6

TWR [coordinating crash and rescue, clearing crash and rescue to

cross runway 18]

09:41:04.1

CAM [moans]

09:41:23.1

CAM [sound of decreased engine noise]

09:41:27.3

HOT [sound of electrical spike]

09:41:28.1

HOT [sound of two mid level tones, similar to cockpit warning]

09:41:30.8

CAM you guys alright?

09:41:45.3

CAM are you guys okay?

09:41:46.9

CAM i've been better.

09:41:48.0 **CAM** #.

09:41:49.1

TWR [advises airport is closed]

09:41:50.4

CAM [moan]

09:41:54.0

CAM should we come out?

09:41:56.8

CAM seat belts off.

09:42:00.3

CAM [sound of motor, similar to vehicle movement outside aircraft

continues on and off until end of recording]

09:42:12.6

CAM [sound of increased external engine noise, similar to vehicle

outside aircraft]

09:42:52.3

CAM oh my God.

09:43:16.4

TWR [advises rescue workers airport is closed and rescue vehicles

can proceed at discretion]

09:43:17.4

CAM [sound of rescue worker asking about injuries to arm, leg]

09:45:03.1

CAM [sound of external increased engine noise and rain like noise,

similar to liquid spray on exterior of aircraft]

09:48:52.9

CAM [sound of external increased engine noise and rain like noise,

similar to liquid spray on exterior of aircraft]

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09:50:07.3