



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: 06/28/2018**  
**Person Contacted: Ed Crawley (Glider Pilot)**  
**NTSB Case Number: CEN18FA217**

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### **Narrative:**

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ed Crawley in a telephone conversation regarding CEN18FA217 and the accident pilot Kristine Ciesinski.

- Ed has a vacation home in the Driggs, Idaho area but also lives in the Boston, Massachusetts area.
- Ed is both an airplane and glider pilot. Ed has about 1100 flight hours in gliders. Ed is a certificated flight instructor (CFI) for gliders.
- Ed is a member of the Soaring Society of America.
- Ed works as a professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Ed has known Kristine for several years. He has conducted 3 or 4 flights with Kristine in the past.
- Ed flew with Kristine on June 8, 2018 for a currency flight in N317BA out of the Teton Aviation Center in Driggs, Idaho.
- Ed and Kristine did the preflight activities together.
- Ed, Kristine, and Colleen Schooley (Director of Flight Operations for the Teton Aviation Center) briefed the flight operation together. Colleen was the airplane tow pilot for the glider.
- The plan was to do two glider flights, with Ed being the sole manipulator of the flight controls in the glider.
- The first flight was a pattern tow flight. The flight was conducted without incident.
- The second flight was a local areal flight. The flight did not go into the mountains. The flight was conducted without incident.
- The flight time was about from 1400 mountain daylight time (MDT) to about 1500 MDT.
- Kristine was in a positive state of mind, happy, and a competent pilot to fly with.
- No stress or fatigue issues with Kristine were noted.

- No airworthiness concerns with N317BA were noted.
- The flight on June 8, 2018 was no different than the previous flights he has had with Kristine at the Teton Aviation Center.
- No issues were noted with the Teton Aviation Center. It is a great company that is safety conscious operation. The maintenance program at Teton Aviation Center is excellent.