

Cox Paul

From: John Stein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:32 PM
To: Cox Paul
Cc: 'Cassoutt'
Subject: Pensacola Navy Flying Club
Attachments: N64344 Accident Report NTSB Form 6120-1.pdf

Paul,

Jim Cassoutt passed this on the me to answer, as Club Safety Officer. I have completed the form with all the data available to me. Missing data is in the logbooks and weight-and-balance data, which are with the airplane, being repaired. Airport data is omitted because we do not know the location or date of the damage.

As I'm sure Jim told you, we were not aware that there was any damage specific to any flight, only that it was discovered by our maintenance people. The last three pilots, were:

William McCaw, Student Pilot 0.5 hrs on 19 Aug 09

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32506

[REDACTED] *(military)*

Comments: Mr. McCaw was the solo student pilot of another C-172, of which he lost control on takeoff, running off the runway and snapping off the nose gear when the aircraft struck a taxiway direction sign. He is no longer a member of the flying club and has not responded to calls or e-mails. His instructor was Nils Erikson.

Michelle Mazzola, Student Pilot 1.2 hrs on 11 Aug 09 and 1.3 hrs on 10 Aug 09 (consecutive flights)

[REDACTED]
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

[REDACTED] *(w)*

Comments: Ms. Mazzola provided the following statement:

John,

As you may or may not realize, I addressed similar questions in a phone conference with the FAA in December. Below are my responses to your questions:

1. ***What, if any, anomalies you might have noted during preflight or post flight, especially concerning the nose gear or underside of the nose cowling.*** -- There were no anomalies noted during pre-flight or post-flight inspections.
2. ***What, if any, anomalies you might have noted during the flight or with directional control after landing.*** -- There were no anomalies noted during flight or with directional control after landing.

3. **Whether the flight was dual, and if so, who was the instructor.** -- Both flights were dual with my instructor, Jim Gudaitis.

I would be more than happy to discuss any other details you might need information on regarding either of these flights. My cell phone is [REDACTED] if you should need to contact me.

Michelle Mazzola

Steven Gavin, Student Pilot 1.9 hrs on 10 Aug 09

[REDACTED]
Milton, FL 32583

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (office)

Comments: Mr. Gavin is no longer a member of the Flying Club. He did not provide a written statement, but I talked with him by phone. He did state that there were no anomalies noted during any of his flights in N34644 with his instructor, Mr. Gudaitis. He remembers looking at the underside of the nose cowl during preflight and not noting any deformation or damage.

Instructor Information:

Nils Erikson

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32508

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (office)

Jim Gudaitis

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32507

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (w)

Neither instructor noted any damage to the aircraft during preflight or post-flight inspections, nor did they note any unusual handling characteristics.

The aircraft also operated 0.3 hrs for a maintenance run on 28 Aug 09, but did not fly.

I apologize for the seeming lack of information. I got into this rather late, and much of the information has moved outside my grasp. Please feel free to contact me if there is any other information that you need or if you have any questions.

You may reach me at [REDACTED], which is my cell phone. We do not have a home phone, and that is my work phone as well.

*Sincerely,
John Stein*