National Transportation Safety Board



Memorandum

From:Michael HuhnDate:June 1, 2010Subject:Interview Summary, Mr. Ron Saglimbene, (Close friend of Art Leidenfrost)
Regarding Accident Involving Cessna 172E, N5528T, April 3, 2010

- Mr. Saglimbene was a pilot and airplane owner, and a close friend of the deceased pilot, Mr. Arthur Leidenfrost
- Prior to the accident, he spoke with Mr. Leidenfrost "daily"
- He had never seen the accident airplane
- He was aware that the two pilots had purchased the airplane at Miller Airport (MJX), NJ
- He was aware that the pilots and Joe Kenney (A&P, IA) had done some work on the airplane at MJX in order to get it in an "airworthy" condition prior to moving it to Orange County Airport (MGJ), NY
- He was not aware of the specific work on the airplane, except that the pilots and the mechanic "did all the [fuel] tanks and [fuel] screens"
- He was not aware that the airplane did not have a current annual inspection
- He could not provide any reasons why the pilots would fly the airplane without a current annual inspection
- He thought that the airplane had been flown by Mr. Leidenfrost in the period between the delivery flight to MGJ and the accident flight
- He thought that that flight consisted of traffic pattern work at MGJ
- He did not see the pilots or the airplane on the day of the accident
- He did not talk to the pilots on the day of the accident
- He based his airplane in a hangar at Greenwood Lake Airport (4N1), NJ
- He heard (from Ms. Lorna Nack) that the pilots were coming to 4N1 on the day of the accident, and then planned to fly to Lincoln Park Airport (N07) NJ, and back to 4N1 after that
- He drove to 4N1, expecting to catch up with the pilots there. He waited approximately 1 1/2 hours, but did not hear from the pilots, and then went home



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