Hatch Craig

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Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 10:18 AM

To:

Subject: RE: CEN14FA034 (PA-23, Caledonia, MN, 11/1/13)

Hi,

I planned on getting a hold of the passenger after Christmas; However, I got a call from him on Friday, 20 Dec. (he was looking for his cell phone)

Ref: Joe Stevens (surviving passenger)

Date: 20 Dec. 2013

I asked him what he could tell me about the accident? (paraphrasing) He said he had no recollection of the accident. He said he could remember getting a sandwich before the flight, but the next thing he could remember was about a week and half after the accident, waking up in the hospital. He did say that people had told him that he talked with the first responders when they got to the airplane, as well as, doctors when he came into the hospital: however, again he said he had no memories of those 'conversations'.

He did not know why they were there (at Caledonia), nor why the airplane was off the side of the runway in the field. He added that he had flown with Joel and Dale on several (he used the term dozens,, and guessing as many as 40) times. He said when they were together generally Dale would fly, and they'd pick a place about half way to their destination, to exercise the dogs, use the restroom, top the airplane off with fuel, and then continue on they're way. He said typically, they'd fly over the airport, [get the landing direction] and then enter the traffic pattern for the landing; he never observed them do anything unsafe, thought they were very meticulous with the airplane, nor did he recall ever having a problem with the airplane.

He was told by the doctors that he might regain some, or pieces of his memory, relating to the accident; he said he'd contact me if he remembered anything more.

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M-F 7:00 to 3:30 Central



17 April,

Telephone call from Joe Stevens.

Just looking for update on accident, timeline, etc. He stated that he still did not recall the accident, but did recall event's prior to and shortly after takeoff. He was the first one to arrive at airport, followed afterwards by the others. The pilots conducted a preflight, opening tanks, going under the wing to sample the fuel. Etc. Everything was routine, the pilot's would put the airplane away full of full, etc. The pilot had sandwiches for everyone, he remembers taxi out, and the run up, and flying along. He then remembers waking up in the hospital, and doesn't recall, any of the conversations, he had with the first responders and doctors, etc.