



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: May 12, 2020
Person Contacted: Todd Kuhn (FAA Charlotte FSDO)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA144 – Lake Hickory, NC

This investigator spoke to Mr. Kuhn by phone.

He and inspector Robert Reynolds visited the wreckage and examined the maintenance records. There was no evidence of a preexisting airworthiness issue with the airplane.

The airframe was substantially damaged. There was structural buckling about 2 feet aft of the wing trailing edge. The wings had been removed by the owner during the wreckage recovery.