Benhoff Kathryn

From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 7:35 AM

To: Benhoff Kathryn **Subject:** RE: N223CG Accident

Hi Kathryn,

The following is my statement on what occurred on the flight in question:

We had completed a day of floatplane training and were returning to Burnet (KBMQ) to land. We were on the left downwind leg for runway 19 at traffic pattern altitude parallel to our point of intended landing and after completing the pre-landing checklist items, I pulled the power back and began the decent to land. The engine coughed/sputtered briefly as the throttle was brought back. Jeff ask what happened and I explained I just pulled the power back. He had me shorten the downwind leg and modify the base leg to point us back at the airfield. The aircraft began to slow down and when I added power with the throttle nothing happened. Jeff continued to add throttle with no result. At that point we discussed that we were not going to make the approach end of the runway and Jeff took over control of the aircraft. He determined the best location for an off field landing and put us down in the field behind the church. The aircraft had minimal damage and neither of us were injured in the landing. There were no injuries or damage to property on the ground other than the aircraft damage.

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Regards,

Michael Eiras

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Subject: N223CG Accident From: Benhoff Kathryn

Date: Fri, July 29, 2016 2:33 pm

To:

Hello Mike,

My name is Kate Benhoff and I'm currently investigating the accident that you and Jeff Brinkman were involved in on June 22, 2016 in N223CG. First, I would like to say that I'm glad to hear you both were uninjured. So far, I have spoken with Jeff and he has filled out our 6120 Pilot/Owner form which includes a small space for him to put his statement. To cover loose ends, I would like you to send me a statement of your own about the accident.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you, Kate