

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Dr. David Bowling Aviation Accident Investigator Central Region

Date: July 1, 2011 Person Contacted: Mr. Bill Clem NTSB Accident Number: CEN11FA428

Narrative:

I interviewed Mr. Bill Clem by telephone. Mr. Clem said that he was a pilot who flew out of Front Range Airport, east of Denver, Colorado. He said that he spoke to the pilot of the accident airplane, Mr. Salil Sinha, a couple of days prior to the accident. They were at Front Range Airport at the time. Mr. Clem said that Mr. Sinha told him that he was here (in Colorado) taking pictures. He said that he takes residential and commercial real estate photos. He said he had business from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins and that he'd been in the area for about a week or so.

Mr. Clem said that two things that Mr. Sinha said caught his interest. One was that he was having maintenance done on his airplane while he was here, and the other was how he would take pictures from the air. Mr. Clem asked him how he took pictures and flew the airplane at the same time? Mr. Sinha told him that he was using a Canon digital camera and that he took pictures out of the pilot (left side) window as he was flying the airplane. He said that he'd been doing it for some time and that he was pretty good at it.

Mr. Clem said Mr. Sinha told him of a time where he had "clipped" a guy wire, with his wing just outside of the strut, while taking pictures. He said that he was able to fly the airplane back and got down without incident.