



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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Dates: July 26, 2018
Persons Contacted: Mr. Rick Eason (Co-owner)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18FA143

Narrative:

The following is a verbatim excerpt of two email containing Mr. Eason's responses to NTSB questions. The questions are in black, and the responses are in red:

Email 1

- A) Do you know whether Jan ever measured the flight control (ailerons, flaps, air brakes, & elevator) deflections and compared them to the Flight Manual specifications? **Don't know for sure, as I didn't see him, nor did he discuss doing so. My thoughts are that he did not.**
- B) If so, when and where did he do that? **Don't believe he did.**
- C) Can you describe any and all flight control operation and travel checks that were accomplished after/during wing installation, and also in the days before and of the flight? **At the time of assembly, after assembly, we moved all the flight controls, just checking them for operation. On the day of the flight, he & I did a "positive control check". We checked each flight control, applying pressure to 'prevent' it from moving, and to 'prevent' it's travel in the opposite direction. All appeared normal.**
- D) Can you recall any comments, thoughts etc Jan had about the usefulness of the Flight Manual and Parts Catalog. **I provided him with copies of both, but don't recall him making any comments, one way or the other about them.**
- E) Did he or you Rick E ever try to contact the manufacturer? Any success?, and what about? **I did not, and I don't believe Jan did either. To my knowledge Brasov no longer makes/supports their gliders, as I've been told they now manufacture helicopters.**

Email 2 (These questions are re Mr. Eason's initial May 25 written statement)

- 1) In the 3rd para you stated that “I slid the right wing out of the glider” but I THINK you mean that you slid it out of the trailer- please advise. **Correct, I slid it out of the trailer.**
- 2) In the 6th para, you stated that on 2/10/18 the glider was removed from the trailer and Mr Zanutto conducted the annual inspection. Do you recall whether one or both of the wings were installed (and then removed again) on that day? **They were not installed onto the glider that day, inspected and slid back into the trailer.**
- 3) Also in the 6th para you stated that you made copies of the Flight manual and Parts catalog for Mr. Zanutto. I have a hardcopy of each, but am not clear whether these are your ‘originals’ or the copies you made for him. Can you please advise. **I made two copies, one for him and one for me, so that the originals wouldn’t have to be out in the elements. I don’t have mine any longer, I believe I gave them to the FAA when they came to my office. Perhaps they gave mine to you?**
- 4) Again in the 6th para you mentioned him taking the glider to his house; do you know whether he ever installed either of the wings at that location? in a previous response you stated that you didn’t have an knowledge one way or the other, but was wondering if that info has been updated). **Still no definitive knowledge, however I have a call into Denise now. My thoughts are no, her did not, for the following reasons: 1) Room. I saw a picture on FB of the trailer in his driveway, 2) He did not have the ‘wing rigger’ with him in Fresno, it was in Avenal, 3) He would have needed help (2 people?) to move the wing around, 4) He never mentioned installing the wings, and I’m sure he would have. I’m 99% sure he did NOT pull the wings out of the trailer. I’ll advise you if Denise tells me differently.**