



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA20CA097, N130JK Runway Excursion on 1/24/20 at Fernandina Beach, Florida.
Telephone Conversation with CFI Dana Holladay

Mr. Holladay provided the following information:

He and his student, Layland Booth, were not injured in the accident. "Not a scratch". Mr. Booth had recently purchased the airplane, and he had been training with Mr. Holladay for his tailwheel endorsement.

They performed a very smooth wheel landing (on runway 9), pushed forward on the elevator control, and about 2 seconds later the airplane began veering to the right. Mr. Holladay immediately initiated left rudder input, and continued to increasingly apply left rudder, however the airplane continued to veer to the right.

Mr. Holladay believes that the student, who was seated in the front seat, had unintentionally applied the right brake during landing. He advised that he has been instructing in tailwheel airplanes for a long time, and what occurred was very consistent with an unintentional brake application. Mr. Holladay said the rear seat position which he occupied, did not have brakes installed.

Mr. Holladay said that after the accident, while discussing what occurred with Mr. Booth, Mr. Booth initially said that he did not believe that he had pressed the brake, but he later said that he may have accidentally applied the brake.

Mr. Holladay believed there was "nothing wrong" with the airplane or the brakes.

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