



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Accident Date: December 27, 2014; 1545 EDT

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Interview #1 Summary

Dave Price

Private Pilot from Dream Flight School at Carroll County Regional Airport

Interview date/time: January 13, 2015 1006 EST

Interviewer was Stein.

The interviewee stated that he held a private pilot license and was a student at Dream Flight School at Carroll County Regional Airport (DMW), Westminster, Maryland. He stated that he is always concerned when landing or departing from DMW because of N49094. During a previous encounter the interviewee was on the downwind airport leg preparing to turn base for runway 34. When he began his turn he immediately saw the Pitts airplane appear on final without any radio calls or notification of the Pitts pilot's intentions.



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Stacy Lerman
Employee of Dream Flight School at Carroll County Regional Airport

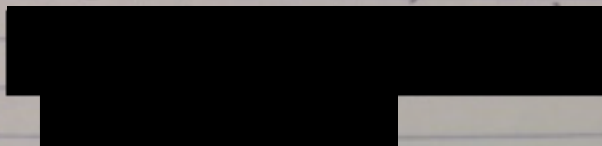
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Interviewer was Stein.

The interviewee stated that she was a 260 hour private pilot license with instrument rating at the time of the interview. The interviewee reported that several students had previously complained about the Pitts airplane. During a prior encounter, the interviewee had taken a runway and started her ground roll moments before the Pitts pilot took the reciprocating runway. The interviewee made several attempts to communicate with the Pitts pilot over the radio, but was later informed that his airplane did not have any radios.

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David Gianni - operating N4538E for Pilots A'Pons



Was about to depart from KDMW, taxiing to take off on Rwy 16. As we approached the runway, approximately 1/4 mile from runway we observed the Cherokee 140B (Piper on final, about to land on Rwy 16.

We then observed the red Pitts biplane on final behind the Piper. When both aircraft were approximately 100 feet off the ground the Pitts struck the Piper in mid-air and fell in a steep dive nose downward.

The Piper landed safely and turned off, promptly announcing the accident. The Piper pilot ~~was~~ shuttled and ran on foot up to our plane. We called 911 and proceeded to taxi to the end of the runway to help the Pitts pilot and to assess damage.

The pilot of the Pitts was observed outside his aircraft, and was observed knelt on the ground in a prone position. Pitts pilot, who identified as "Bob" was responsive and talking, complaining of pain in lower back. A minor laceration was observed left @ chest. He stated that he did not remember hitting the other aircraft and assumed he had on final.

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