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Subject: N419B Vans RV Crash In Texas

Mr. Ed Melinowski

Ed,

N419B arrived at Carroll County (4M1) at 4:00 pm, Saturday, February 27. The pilot did not sound accustomed to aircraft radio phraseology. The aircraft made its approach well below glide slope, almost at tree tops. I did not see the landing/rollout.

The pilot identified himself only as 'Jimmy'.

He stated he had just arrived from Florida. I re-fueled (credit card) his aircraft with 12.5 gallons of 100/LL. He remarked how little fuel he had burned since his takeoff from 'Florida'. He stated he was going to 'Vegas'.

He requested to purchase a quart of motor oil. I asked him what weight. He did not know. He had his companion, who had just arrived by vehicle, to pay for the oil because he had no cash. He purchased a quart of Aero Shell 15w-50. I did not see him add the motor oil to the aircraft, nor was there a used bottle in the trash receptacle on the aircraft parking ramp the next day after his departure.

After fueling, I assisted with the tie down of the aircraft. The pilot was unfamiliar with the knot used in securing the tie down ropes.

The aircraft remained until the next day, Sunday, February 28.

The aircraft departed at approximately 10:00 am with 'Jimmy' as PIC, and an unidentified male passenger.

Again, the pilot sounded unfamiliar with radio usage and phraseology. He asked where our 'tower' was located, and requested the frequency for Razorback Approach (KXNA).

The aircraft departed on runway 25 into a 11 knot, left quartering headwind, gusting to 43 knots. It was VERY windy. The pilot lifted the aircraft before developing enough ground roll/airspeed for a safe takeoff. The climb out immediately after liftoff was very uncoordinated. The aircraft made a wide turn to the north west, away from the wind, and continued the turn into a southeast heading. The aircraft power plant sounded normal.

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