Re: Statement Meredith Tcherniavsky

to:

David Crampton

06/15/2012 12:57 PM

Cc: Tony Serio Show Details

Here is what I saw:

This morning at around 10:15 am, I was flying N13573, a Cessna 172, in the vicinity of Carroll County Airport (DMW) with a student (who is a minor, so I'd prefer not to give his name without his parents' consent). We were at approximately 3,500 feet, 2-3 miles northeast of DMW, descending on a roughly southerly heading for a simulated engine failure drill, when I heard the accident pilot announce on CTAF that he had an elevator failure and was coming in to land on Runway 16. I asked him what his position was, and he said he was about 3 miles west of the airport. I replied that we would maneuver to stay east of the airport. I heard no further communications from the pilot.

I took over the controls from my student and maneuvered our plane until I was about 2-3 miles east of the runway, then turned around to face the runway. I was at approximately 1,800 feet by then, and leveled off. I first made visual contact with the accident plane when it was on about a 1/2-mile final to Runway 16 (just over that hill that has the cows and house). It appeared to me as if he was coming in very, very fast. His pitch attitude seemed flat or slightly nose down. Then, when the plane was on a very short final (over the grass just shy of the threshold), I saw it pitch sharply nose down and crash.

I flew a wide left base around the accident scene still at around 1,800 feet. The plane appeared to have split into several pieces. I did not see any smoke or sign of a fire. I noticed the FBO crew arrive on the scene in their trucks, and one guy got out and ran over to what looked to me like, and what I can only assume was, a body laying in the grass on the west side of the runway, away from the wreckage. (Why would the lineman run toward an airplane part?) I tuned in 121.5 and heard the ELT, and tried to contact Guard on that frequency when I realized nobody was able to hear me over the ELT, so I started a climb parallel to the runway on the west side of it, heading south, to get out of the way in case the medivac helicopter was inbound already. (Whenever I hear them on frequency, they always seem to be south of the airport, down low.) I think I was at around 2,400 feet when I called Potomac on 132.77 and said I was over Carroll County and had just seen a plane crash on the runway. The controller didn't hear me at first, then asked me again. I forget exactly what we said to each other but he said "standby" to presumably tell someone about the crash, then he gave me my SFRA squawk code and we proceeded back to GAI.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks.

Meredith Tcherniavsky, CFI-IA

N206GX brianmx

to:

David B Garey

06/26/2012 05:21 PM

Show Details

David,

The following contains the details of the parachute installation I performed on N206GX on June 12 2012. Several days prior to the arrival of the aircraft I communicated back and forth with a Remos Engineer in Germany regarding the installation procedures. He sent me the installation manual for the parachute and told me the assembly instructions for the rocket were on a DVD in the box. I also inquired about having them do the Letter of Approval and weight and balance for the changes as they have in the past. He responded with an email containing the Installation manual and stated the following: "you do not need a LOA anymore as we have updated our TCDS, just download if from our website. The installation of the recovery system must be in accordance with the parachute installation manual." I now had all the required data to perform the installation of the recovery system.

I opened the boxes containing the rocket and parachute parts to look for the DVD on the rocket assembly. I found it and Don and I went through it together because he was going to be helping with the installation. It was a power point with step by step procedures and pictures of which we found very helpful. However we also noticed that when comparing the pictures on the powerpoint to what we had in the box that we were missing some crucial parts. It would have been very helpful if they would have included a parts inventory list of the included parts, or if the installation manual contained a detailed list of the parts. After phone conversations with Remos in Arkansas we were able to overnite the missing parts.

The next day Don and I proceeded with the installation. Don worked on the soft pack installation and I assembled the rocket and release cable. We first removed both seats and the baggage compartment to gain access to work. Don removed the backing panal and attached the parachute with zip ties. I also marked and drilled four holes for the rocket bracket being careful to catch all drill shavings. Don then reinstalled the back panel with attached chute in the same position with the same screws. Now that the chute was installed he hooked up the bridle cables with the supplied shackle as directed in section 5.3 of the Install manual. I carefully assembled the rocket and release cable step by step as directed by the rocket assembly manual on the powerpoint dvd. The entire rocket assembly process was performed on the work bench outside of the aircraft.

Once assembled it is all one component: T-handle, Release cable, detonators, rocket sealed in housing, and bracket. Following the instructions in the install manual I proceeded with the mounting of the rocket inside the aircraft. The manual states two versions are approved and we choose to use version 2 which we were familiar with. The rocket faces aft and the T-handle is mounted to the center console. This involved passing the t-handle and cable through the factory made opening and making one loop before passing it again through the center console where it is then mounted on the side with two screws as depicted in the install manual. We also referenced our Remos N133GX for specific locations of the T-handle mount. The cable was routed and secured against the fuel tank with approximately six zip ties ensuring it would not interfere with any other components in the fuselage. The rocket bracket was also attached with four bolts and locking hardware.

After assembly and installation (which took approximately 3hrs) we checked for cleanliness and security of the recovery system components and verified no interference with any controls. I affixed the supplied placards and updated the weight and balance which I found difficult due to the unusual method that Remos uses. I have done many weight and balances for conventional aircraft but this was the first weight and balance I had to do for a Remos. Our shop does not have scales so we always do the W&B changes mathematically as I was taught in school. So I plugged in the changes in our excell program and came out with the changes witch made absolute sense to me. I even tipple checked the numbers and consulted with Don on the changes. I also checked them against our other Remos and they were right in line. I then printed the updated W&B and inserted it in the

aircraft and logbook.

If I could make any recommendations on this installation they would be to have more descriptive instructions on the locations of components and an inventory list with the quantity of each part required to be installed. Also a more universal method of computing weight and balance that American A&Ps are familiar with or specific instructions on how to amend it with the known changes applied. I continue to learn new things eveyday and can only hope that some good changes can result from this incedent and we as mechanics continue to do our best to keep airplanes and flying safe as possible.

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Sincerely, Brian Katherman

Trident Aircraft

Stevensville MD 21666



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Luke Schiada Senior Air Safety Investigator Eastern Region Aviation

June 19, 2012

Subject: ERA12FA395 – N206GX, Westminster, Maryland

Name: Anthony Carp

Mr. Carp assisted the accident pilot with the reassembly of the airplane. During our conversation, he stated:

He worked in the Preservation Specialist and Restoration Unit of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The accident pilot flew the airplane to Haysfield Airport (MD24), where it was disassembled in early December and stored in a hangar for the winter. The wings were folded and the horizontal tail was removed. He assisted the pilot with reassembly of the airplane in "April or March" and also helped with the replacement of the nose gear strut which occurred during the condition inspection.

He stated that the pilot was very familiar with the operation of the quick-fasteners. He reported that there were no issues during the reassembly of the airplane; however, he also stated that he did not specifically observe the quick-fastener connection associated with the elevator control system.



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Luke Schiada Senior Air Safety Investigator Eastern Region Aviation

June 17, 2012

Subject: ERA12FA395 – N206GX, Westminster, Maryland

Name: Jane Robens

Ms. Robens was the owner of the accident airplane. During our conversation, she stated:

She purchased the accident airplane during May 2011. The accident pilot (Tom) was also a certified mechanic. Tom flew the airplane in November to Maryland where it was disassembled and stored for the winter. Tom subsequently reassembled the airplane in April 2012, completed a condition inspection on June 1st, and then flew the airplane to another airport to have the pitot-static system checked, and a ballistic parachute system installed. She had last spoken with Tom the Wednesday before the accident. On the date of the accident, Tom intended to deliver the airplane from Frederick, Maryland (FDK), to her home airport (K09) Piseco, New York. She did not know how the parachute system worked or how the activation handle was secured and stated that Tom was going to show her how it worked upon delivery of the airplane.

Ms. Robens stated that she was aware of the quick-fasteners installed on the flight controls; however, she could not recall if she normally checked them during preflight inspections.

She believed the accident pilot had accumulated about 10 total hours in the airplane.

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COMPLAINANT:

Paul Freeman stated that the plane "Light Sport" called into Carroll County Unicom to report that his elevator has become detached and needed to make a landing on runway 16. Freeman then advised that he observed the aircraft take a 45 degree downward angle and then strike the embankment prior to the runway. Freeman advised he immediately went inside and called 911. See attached statement.

WITNESS:

Jeffrey Brodsky stated that the pilot called in an emergency due to the loss of an elevator. He observed the plane maintain level flight until 15 yards from the beginning of the runway. He advised he then observed the plane make a drastic downward pitch approximately 300 feet in altitude. At that time be observed the plane crash and observed the pilot, who had been ejected, lying face down on the ground. He stated that he was advised not to render first aid and wait for the paramedics. See attached detailed statement.

WITNESS:

Hesson stated that he observed the aircraft traveling from north to south. He observed the aircraft at a distance of 100- 200 feet. He stated the plane was in between the hill and the runway. He observed the plane make three ups and 3 downs as it approached the runway. Hesson advised the last time the plane came down, it stuck the embankment prior to the runway.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK:

Due to the nature of the crime, none was conducted

SCENE PROCESSING:

Crime Tech Judey #5515 responded to and processed the scene for physical evidence.

NARRATIVE:

On 6/15/2012 at 1013 hours, I responded to 200 Airport Dr Westminster MD, 21157 for a reported collision involving an aircraft. Upon ny arrival, I observed the aircraft and the wreckage. The aircraft was in multiple pieces throughout the grass area next to the runway. I then observed the first emergency personnel to respond to the victim and scene were EMT and Paramedic and Paramedic westminster-Fire and Paramedic and Paramedic and Paramedic and Paramedic and Paramedic and to the scene and TFC Lantz # 1981 rendered aid to the victim. Trooper 3 was piloted by and Paramedic and the aircraft called in that he university of Maryland Shock Trauma. I made contact with the complainant who advised that the operator of the aircraft called in that he was making an emergency landing due to an equipment malfunction. See the above listed statement. I then contacted the first witness, leffrey Hesson. Hesson stated that he observed the aircraft traveling erratically and then struck the embankment. See the above listed statement. I then contacted Jeffrey Brodsky. He stated that he was first on scene and observed the aircraft strike the embankment. See his toove attached statement. I did not perform a neighborhood check. See above caption for details.

FAA was contacted and advised they would be responding at 1200 hours. PCO Carlisle contacted NTSB at approximately 1030 hours. was assigned the investigation and this report with all of the applicable attachments will be forwarded to him.

ALL ABOVE EVENTS DID OCCUR IN CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT -SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

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COMPLAINT CONTROL NO. CIR 1256009680

INCIDENT... AIRCRAFT CRASH

VICTIM JUDKINS, HENRY THOMAS

NARRATIVE:

DATE & TIME: 6-15-12 @ 1012 Hours LOCATION: CRIME: Aircraft Collision CASE#: 12-56-009680

VICTIM: Henry Thomas Judkins

Phone: unknown

INVOLVED AIRCRAFT:

2009 Remos GX Single Engine Fix Wing (White) Tail#: N206GX

Narrative:

On 06-15-12, at approximately 1012 Hours, I was advised by the barrack to respond to the Carroll County Regional Airport located at 200 Airport Dr. Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland in reference to an airplane crash. Upon arrival, I observed what appeared to be a small single engine airplane that had struck the ground just prior to the North end of runway 1-6. It appeared that the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft was ejected from the aircraft upon impact. Westminster City Fire and Rescue was on scene treating the pilot. I was able to obtain the pilot's wallet and he was identified by his Maryland driver's license as Henry Thomas Judkins of Rockville, Maryland State Police medivac helicopter was notified and responded to the scene. Maryland State Police medivac (Trooper 3) arrived on scene, and the aircraft was having mechanical problems. As a result, of the mechanical problems with Trooper 3 the patient was 'transported by ground by Westminster City ambulance Medic 39. Medic 39 met with a second Maryland State Police medivac at the Baltimore/Carroll County line. The patient was transferred from Medic 39 to the helicopter and transported the rest of the way to shock trauma.

As I began checking the victim's wallet, I discovered on a Health care card a possible wife by the name of Contact was made with Maryland State Police Rockville barrack and notification was made to the wife concerning the accident, National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B) and Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) were notified and were responding to the scene. Maryland State Police Crime Lab was also notified and responded to the scene. During my investigation, I learned of four witnesses to this accident. I made contact and spoke with Jeffrey Hesson (Witness #1). Mr. Hesson stated that he is employed with Skytech Inc. and is working out of the Carroll County Regional airport. He stated that he received a call on his radio concerning a plane coming in for an emergency landing. He was advised that the aircraft was having elevator problems. Mr. Hesson added that he observed the plane traveling south about 1 mile north of runway 1-6. Hesson added that the airplane was "porpoising" up and down about 100 to 200 feet. Mr. Hesson further stated that the aircraft did this about three to four times. Mr. Hesson added that about 1/4 mile before the runway the aircraft attempted to climb in altitude and then immediately "nose dived" striking the ground. Mr. Hesson stated that he got into his truck and drove out to the accident scene. Upon arrival to the scene, he observed the pilot approximately 40 feet south of the cockpit laying face down in the grass. Mr. Hesson indicated that the pilot was breathing but unresponsive. Mr. Hesson was on scene until medics arrived. (See Witness #1 written statement for additional detailed information). After speaking with Witness #1 I advised Trooper Cooper of additional witnesses were back at the airport hangers. Trooper Cooper responded to the airport hanger and spoke with additional witnesses. See his supplement reports for detailed statements from those witnesses.

On 06-18-12, I made contact with the deceased's wife the second s

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kept all winter at Hayfield Airport in Columbia, Maryland. She added that the owner wanted a ballistic parachute installed on the plane. On Monday and Tuesday (6-11, 12-12) the plane was at Baybridge Airport where the ballistic parachute was installed. Mrs. Judkins further stated that her husband got a ferry permit and on Thursday (6-14-12) took the plane to Frederick Airport. She stated that on Eriday (6-15-12), her husband was going to fly the plane to up state New York and drop the aircraft off to the owner. She added that the plane contained 20 gallons of fuel and he had two additional 5 gallons gas cans on board. Mrs. Judkins stated that her husband was planning on leaving Frederick, Maryland and land in what she believed to be Sullivan County, Pennsylvania to re-fuel the plane. I asked Mrs. Judkins if her husband mentioned to her if he had any mechanical problems with the aircraft. She advised that he was not having any problems. I advised her that from this point, the National Transportation Safety board and F.A.A. are the primary agencies investigating the crash. She was provided a contact person for the F.A.A.

FAX No

On 06-18-12. I made contact with Luke Shada from the National Transportation Safety Board. He is the primary investigator for this case. I faxed him a copy of all witnesses statements and once all supplemental reports are approved I will be faxing him those copies as well. He was also advised how to go about obtaining a copy of all photographs taken by Maryland State Police Crime Lab.

At this time, I am requesting that this case be closed. All additional investigations will be conducted by Luke Shada of the National Transportation Safety Board. No further action will be taken at this time.

Winkler (7) Hours

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Luke Schiada Senior Air Safety Investigator Eastern Region Aviation

Subject: ERA12FA395 – N206GX, Westminster, Maryland

Name: Christian Majunke

Mr. Majunke was the Head of Design for Remos Aircraft. In an email correspondence from June 24, 2013, he indicated:

REMOS drawings contain marked dimensions to be explicitly checked during receipt of goods with a squiggle. These dimensions have explicitly named tolerances. All other dimensions have specified tolerances according to the German norm DIN 7168 or DIN ISO 2768, noted in the title block. He provided a copy of DIN 2768 (DIN 7168 is the former version with identical content) and noted that if those tolerances were taken into account, all dimensions of the elevator quick-fastener were within specified tolerances.