



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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FAA Correspondence and Wreckage Exam
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA294 – Hartford, Kentucky

Through correspondence (emails and telephone conversations) with FAA Inspector Stephen Travis, FAA Louisville FSDO, from July 1, 2022 through October 6, 2022, the following information was provided:

- Accident site coordinates 37.465688, -086.845786. Open, grass field.
- SPAs data revealed full name of pilot is James Timmons Callis, DOB [REDACTED], certificate # [REDACTED], private pilot, ASEL, AMEL, INST/A, Glider. 2925 total hours as of 5/17/2021.
- Wreckage examined at site. Photos provided. Substantial damage to upper and lower left wings and lower, forward fuselage. Wood propeller remained attached to engine and splintered to hub. Radial engine had impact damage. Flight control continuity was confirmed from the elevator, ailerons, and rudder to the cockpit controls. There was rudder pedal binding due to ground impact damage. The elevator trim tab was in the neutral position. The fuel shutoff valve was in the closed position.
- Since all three witnesses reported normal engine performance during startup, ground operations, and throughout the accident flight, no further engine examination will be performed.
- Due to his injuries, the pilot did not recall the accident flight; he believes he was in an automobile accident.
- Inspector Travis was able to obtain copies of the pilot's recent logbook pages.