



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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**Subject:** ERA23LA041, Gerald Rhinehart, NTSB Form 6120.1  
**Contact:** Donnie Reid - FAA Aviation Safety Inspector – Erin Egan – President,  
EMN Aviation Services

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Mr. Reid responded to the accident site, documented the wreckage, harvested components for examination in the NTSB Materials Laboratory, and conducted follow-up work in support of the investigation. He spoke to the pilot's family to locate the airplane's maintenance records but was unsuccessful. At the time, the pilot owner, Mr. Rhinehart, was unavailable for interview due to his injuries. About one month after the accident, Mr. Reid was able to interview Mr. Rhinehart.

Ms. Egan was later able to communicate with the pilot who provided estimates of his flight experience and estimates of the times on the accident airplane and its engine.

Mr. Rhinehart reported to both Ms. Egan and to Mr. Reid that he could only provide estimates because his logbooks were destroyed in the post-crash fire that consumed his airplane.