



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: September 1, 2021
Person: Don McCann – Mechanic
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA231 Skaneateles, NY
Subject: Luscombe 8, N1331K

Narrative:

Mr. McCann was an aircraft mechanic at the Skaneateles Aerordrome (6B9), Skaneateles, NY who was familiar with the pilot and the accident airplane, and he witnessed the accident cited above. He was interviewed by telephone, and the following is a summary of the interview.

Mr. McCann said the airplane back-taxed on runway 28 for departure from runway 10. He didn't see the beginning of the takeoff roll but heard the engine sound which remained smooth and continuous throughout.

According to Mr. McCann, "When we saw him, the airplane was coming over the rise and looking a little squirely. He was taking off with a quartering tailwind. As soon as he got the tail up it got squirely, and the airplane went off the left side of the runway into the grass and flipped over... it weather-vented on him."

Mr. McCann said he then went to the airplane to render aid. When he arrived, the pilot was uninjured, and was suspended upside down in his seatbelt. However, when he released his restraint he fell and struck his head.

Mr. McCann transported the pilot to an urgent-care facility, and the pilot was later transported to a hospital for observation.