



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: November 3, 2024
Person Contacted: Jack Hunt – Passenger
NTSB Accident Number: ERA23LA262 Mooresville, NC

Narrative:

Mr. Jack Hunt was the pilot/owner of the airplane involved in the accident cited above. He was interviewed by telephone, and the following is a summary of the interview. He said he held a private pilot certificate with a rating for airplane single engine land. Mr. Hunt stated he was 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighed 168 pounds.

Mr. Hunt provided a comprehensive written statement which required a few follow-up questions for clarification.

1. Mr. Hunt said he purchased the airplane in late February 2023 but didn't register it until April 22, 2023.
2. Mr. Hunt was again asked to describe the takeoff on the accident flight. He said the airplane was airborne within the first 1/4 of the 3,000-foot-long turf runway but had climbed to only 100 ft at the departure end, which abutted Lake Catawba. Mr. Hunt said he "immediately" performed a sharp left turn to assume his enroute heading because "there was no need to maintain runway heading once clear of obstacles."
3. Mr. Hunt described a previous engine power loss in the airplane with his instructor. He said he performed troubleshooting with his instructor and other SeaRey owners and the power was restored after defueling and refueling the airplane. No licensed mechanic was employed to troubleshoot the power loss.
4. Empty weight of the airplane is 935 pounds.
5. Dynon Flight Deck D180 Garmin NAV/COM 250XL
6. Mr. Hunt flew from Lake Norman Airpark (14A). Took off runway 32 and flew 2-3 miles and entered a left base for landing 23. Then we shut down, hung out for 45 minutes, and then took off the other way and intended. It was a 3-minute flight over there and landed runway 23. The airplane was 100 percent on the flight over to NC26 Long Island Airpark.

END OF STATEMENT