

**Statement of Jack Mehner Concerning the Plane Crash of Oct 9, 2018**  
**Prepared at the Request of the FAA**

Lowell Peterson was the pilot and I, Jack Mehner, was the passenger. The plane was Experimental RV6A 451JP. It was a cross wind landing of 12-20 knots on Runway 2-0. Lowell said he was going to land a little faster because of the wind and not use flaps. He had a little trouble straightening the crab when we hit the runway the first time. We bounced pretty high and when we came down it was at a crab angle to the right. We shot off the right side of the runway, taking out a runway light. Still going pretty fast, for some reason either he pulled back on the stick or the wind caught the airplane and the nose went straight up and over on its back. My (Jack's) side of the canopy was crushed and I was bleeding from my head. I was able to get out of the harness and crawled out through the canopy but I couldn't get Lowell out because his canopy was not broken. I used my cell phone to call the control tower but their phone was busy. I then dialed 911 and reported the accident at the airport and asked for an ambulance.

Answers to Submitted Questions:

1. **Takeoff time:** Not sure of exact time – late morning.
2. **Where did you go?** – Local flying – no destination.
3. **Did you refuel?** – No.
4. **How many flights?** – One that morning. Many over the years in this plane
5. **Did you switch roles ever?** – Not during this or other flights. We would take turns flying the plane but not during a flight.
6. **How was Lowell in previous crosswinds?** – He did fine previously.
7. **Did you try to help or take over?** – No.
8. **Fuel Status?** – Full at takeoff but not sure exactly at time of the crash.
9. **Did you talk about landing elsewhere?** – No.
10. **Were you diverted for winds?** – No.
11. **What was the cross wind limitation?** – Not 100% sure but I'm sure we were close.  
I believe the day got windier as it went on.
12. **How did Lowell seem that day?** – Fine.
13. **If you flew at all, how did the plane feel?** – I did not fly that day.
14. **Do you suspect any mechanical irregularities?** – No.

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