

Bird Strike Report - N808YF - 3/29/2022

Pilot Details

Robert D Freeman

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3-30-2022

License: 

Medical: 6/12/2021 2nd Class

Date Last Flight Review: 6/4/2021

SAC Card: Level 1 Unrestricted, Expiration 12/31/2022

Total Time: Approximately 5,800

PIC: Approximately 3,300

High Performance Aerobatic Monoplane: Approximately 1500

Make and Model: Over 500 hours

Last 6 Months: Approximately 17 hours

Last 3 Months: Approximately 10 hours

Aircraft:

N808YF

Extra Flugzeugproduktion-Und EA 300/LC

Serial number LC044

Description of Event

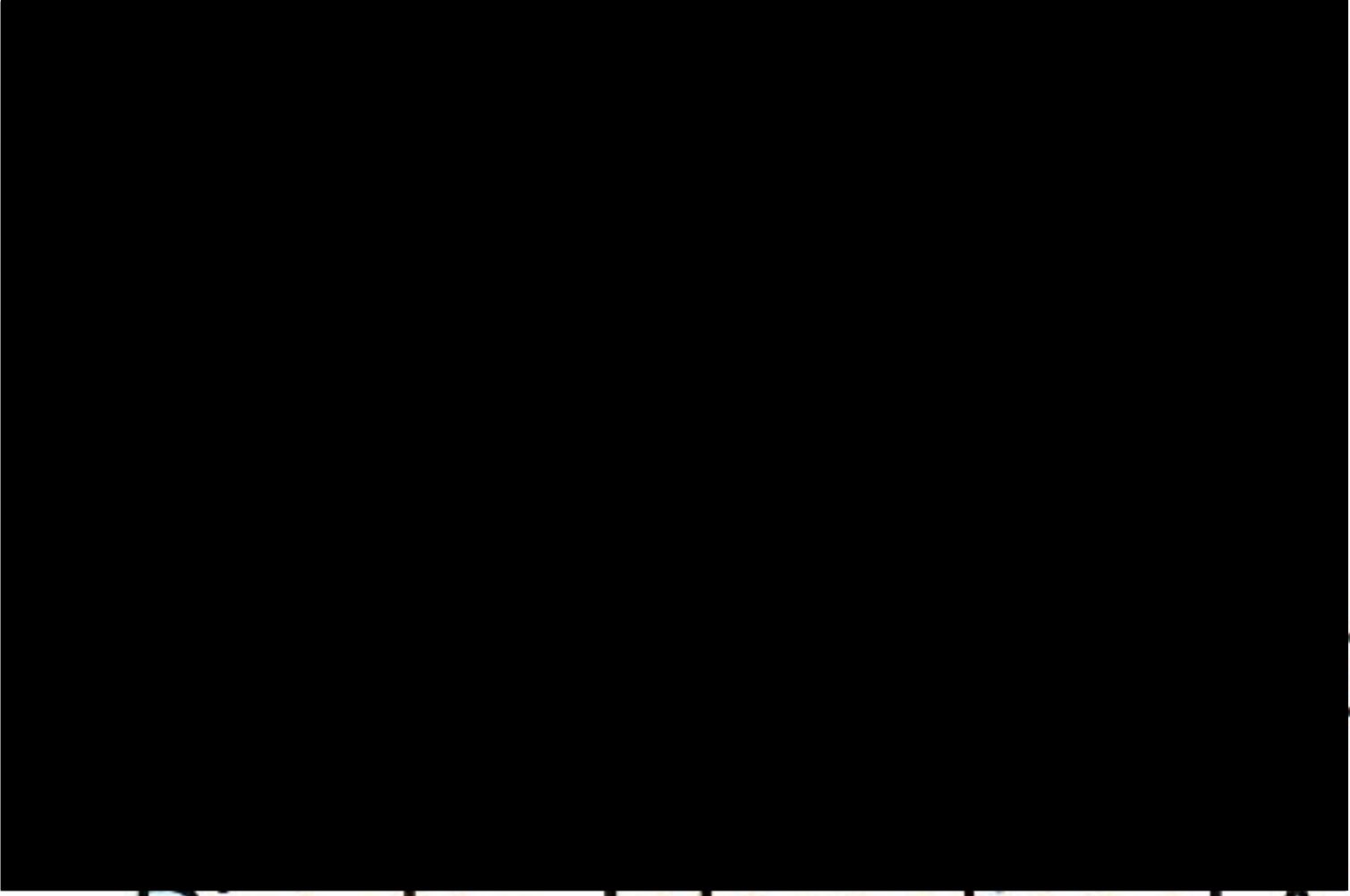
Date: March 29, 2022 Time: approximately 10:45 AM EDT

Location: KRMG, Richard B Russell Airport, Rome Georgia, approximately 1/2 mile north of the north end of runway 19

What happened: During a training flight for an airshow act under development, the aircraft collided with a very large bird, thought to have been a turkey vulture. I was unable to evade the bird which appeared to have passed closely above and to the right of the propeller disc (as viewed from the pilot seat). The bird impacted the vertical stabilizer, having cleared the propeller, nose cowl, canopy and wing without contact. I estimate that I was somewhere between 400' and 600' AGL. The impact was felt, and the aircraft rolled and yawed slightly. I was able to return to the heading, pitch, and roll that I was on prior to contact. I was aligned with runway 19 so I descended, made a normal landing, and taxied to parking to inspect the tail. The vertical stabilizer was damaged from about midway up to the top of the vertical stabilizer and the rudder sustained what appears to be cosmetic damage.

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