



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA23FA046
What: George Antonell – Airport Manager - Witness

In a conversation, Mr. Antonell stated the following:

- The pilot was a friend of his.
- The pilot like to use the grass runway to land on.
- He would usually take off on the blacktop runway and then land on the grass sod runway.



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In a conversation, Mr. Dunn stated the following:

- He and a friend were going flying and heading out to go get lunch.
- His friend wasn't at the airport yet, so he walked down to the pilot's hangar to catch up with him.
- The pilot was performing the preflight inspection of the airplane.
- He asked Richard Coles if he wanted to fly to lunch with them, but Mr. Coles stated that he was just going to stay local.
- Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Coles how the airplane was, and Mr. Coles stated that after he was having radio problems with it, he took it to New Philadelphia to the avionics shop there to get it fixed. After that, he hasn't had a problem with it and the airplane was great.
- Mr. Dunn was right behind N820RC taxiing out to runway 22.
- The pilot, Mr. Coles, did a couple minute run up of the engine and then took off.
- Mr. Dunn took off immediately after Mr. Coles, at 11:30 AM.
- Mr. Coles departed runway 22 then turned left to stay in the airport traffic pattern and he left to pattern to go to Carroll County (TSO) for lunch.
- He watched the takeoff of N820RC and the airplane basically "jumped off the ground." There weren't issues at all with engine power.