

From: Tricia McKenna <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Mon, 24 Apr 2017 12:43:04 -0600
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Piper crash

Anthony will be recovering at his parent's house. The address is below.

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From: Anthony Longobardo [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Tricia McKenna <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Piper crash

Thanks Tricia!!

Anthony Longobardo

[REDACTED]
San Clemente, CA

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Sent from my mobile,

/Anthony Longobardo

On Apr 24, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Tricia McKenna <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Anthony,

Thanks so much for letting us know about your accident. You had an angel on your shoulders that day.

We pray for a speedy and full recovery for you.

Would also like to direct cards and letters to be sent to your parents mailing address if you wouldn't mind sharing that with us.

Take care and stay in touch as you can.

Tricia McKenna

Exhibit 8
Wit Longobardo
Date 3/12/19

L. Epperson, RPR, CSR No. 8161

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Tricia McKenna, Administrative Director

Recreational Aviation Foundation

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"The Recreational Aviation Foundation preserves, maintains, and creates airstrips for recreational access."

From: Anthony Longobardo [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 9:09 AM
Subject: Piper crash

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But, I am not damaged beyond repair! [REDACTED]
going to coming back anyway, accident

[REDACTED]

Light and variable winds that late afternoon by the time we took off. Plane was a Piper Pacer with the upgraded 180hp engine and climb propeller mods, tail dragger conversion, big 26" tires, and vortex generator mods on the wings. It had a ton of climb ability. Unfortunately it simply stopped developing full power on climb out and by the time I realized it wasn't climbing out like it really should, the landable runway was already behind me. I quickly checked the throttle, fuel mixture, mags, and fuel tank settings again -all were good but we were losing altitude at a pretty good rate. So I had to set it down in a trey sandy pit ahead of the runway but couldn't see out my front window because of such a high angle of attack to maintain lift staying above the stall (airspeed indicator read only 40kts). All I could see was put my open side doors. Took off runway 17 of Kern Valley Airport (L05) and the very full lake ahead of was fast approaching and I didn't want us to possibly crash in there and drown with less help around than if I could turn towards the road and potential ambulance help. During the quick turn to land in a sandy spot we clipped a tree under the main gear and flipped upside down. Lucky we were flying with the side doors opened up (gull-wing style) which allowed us to climb out of the airplane and away from the wreckage. I think that might have been one of the most providential parts about our getting out of this situation safely and getting help quickly. The airplane is totaled. It all happened so, so fast. I don't think I ever got more than 100ft AGL. Really wish I had 5 point seatbelt harnesses installed; I might have all my teeth right now. I was going to purchase and install them next month. Had two friends - professional surfer JJ Wessels and his wife Natalie with me - and they filmed with a GoPro. Praise God we all managed to get out. FAA confiscated the GoPro as we left it at the wreckage and will be reviewing the footage. I'm hoping they can help figure out what mechanical problem developed in the takeoff.

Natalie was able to call 911. Took them probably 45 minutes or more to find us and then another 1hr+ to drive us down the mountain to Bakersfield. Helicopters couldn't airlift us from Bakersfield as winds were too much down there. I have not seen the video or talked to the FAA yet. I had a [REDACTED] insurance policy on the plane [REDACTED]. Will write my work Delta Private Jets today to talk about a long term disability leave and my insurance coverage there. Still at the trama center in Bakersfield an hour down the mountain from Kern Valley Airport. Haven't left my bed except for surgery. Three hour drive from home, but lots of friends and family have come up to visit. My parents have stationed themselves up here at a local hotel for as long as they need to. A TON of great friends and family have stopped by already and I couldn't be happier or feel more loved. A few of my friends are in the medical field and have done a lot of work to help us negotiate understanding the current situation and the path ahead.

Trama Center I'm at for this week:

Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, 1700 Mt Vernon Ave. Room 3436.

JJ and Natalie were released yesterday to go home. Hopefully they will move me down to a trama center Orange County or San Diego later this week to be closer to home.

Local news article of plane crash: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/small-plane-crash-in-the-kern-river-valley-injures-three-people>

Some aviation takeaways you pilots might want to consider:

- 1) get 4 or 5 point seatbelt harnesses for all your pax on anything you fly, it's worth whatever it costs
- 2) the only survival gear you can really count on getting when crawling out of a mangled airplane is what you have on you like in a fishing vest or something. Keep your cell phone and satellite receiver in there and first aid and rescue whistle in there. I was only going to do a quick loop around the pattern so my emergency vest was in the top rear shelf of the pax compartment. Looking back now, I wish I would have worn it even for this short flight.
- 3) Losing power out of an engine after takeoff sucks. I hope to one day own this uncanny but purposely built in-line twin-engine safety monster backcountry airplane called the DoubleEnder when it becomes available on the market: <http://www.bushplanedesign.com/videos.html>

Please keep me in your prayers for TOTAL HEALING, INSURANCE and FINANCIAL PROVISION, and a QUICKER-THAN-EXPECTED RECOVERY TIME. Even with many months of recovery ahead of me, I am praising God we are all alive and everything is functioning. People have prayed over me and many have had words of how good God is going to reveal himself in this situation! Exciting times ahead and a shifting of seasons during these temporary set backs!

“And we know that God causes EVERYTHING to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

Romans 8:28 NLT

Hope to see you all soon and celebrate life together,

Sent from my mobile,

/Anthony Longobardo

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