

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Vehicle Recorder Division

Washington, DC 20594

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Image Recorder

Specialist's Factual Report

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1. EVENT

Location: East Moriches, New York
Date: October 20, 2012
Aircraft: Universal Globe GC-1A, N80823
Operator: Private
NTSB Number: ERA13FA032

2. GROUP

A group was not convened.

3. SUMMARY

On October 20, 2012, about 1506 eastern daylight time, a Swift Museum Foundation, Inc., GC-1A, N80823, registered to and operated by a private individual, impacted the water of Moriches Inlet, East Moriches, New York. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident and no flight plan was filed for the 14 CFR Part 91 personal flight from Spadaro Airport (1N2), East Moriches, New York, to Republic Airport (FRG), Farmingdale, New York. The airplane was substantially damaged and the private pilot and 1 passenger were fatally injured. The flight originated from 1N2 about 1500. An SD card reportedly containing witness video was sent to the National Transportation Safety Board's Image Laboratory for readout.

4. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The NTSB Vehicle Recorder Division's Image Laboratory received an SD card reportedly containing witness video.

4.1. Recorder Description

The SD card contained proprietary video files that recorded time synchronized video from four video cameras installed on a boat.

4.2. Recorder Damage

Upon arrival at the video laboratory, no files were found on the SD card. Recovery software was used to recover a large number of proprietary video files.

4.2.1. Video Files

The video files were reviewed. The videos were from an unknown date and time and did not record the accident flight. The owner of the witness video recording system confirmed there may have been operational issues with the recording system at the time of the accident.

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