

I am writing this document for the purpose of explanation and witness to comments made by Garrett Cobb on location at Pickens County Airport. In my opinion, the comments that were made are untrue and were stated only as means of slander and defamation towards the owners of the LSA (Light Sport Aviators) and GIF (Get Inspired Flight) hangar.

In the Nov of 2020 I was gifted an exploratory flight certificate at Get Inspired Flight (GIF) as a gift in order to try flying. Afterwards I accepted a student opening with GIF and began my flight training in Dec of 2020. During this time I was privileged to information regarding GIF's new hangar construction as I am a commercial and residential contractor. My involvement early on was limited to a opinions on costs and the possible ways to value engineer any areas in order to save money. As weeks went by I became more involved in planning and was asked to step in as an owner's representative given GIF had no prior experience with this type or level of construction.

Fast forward past irrelevant months of permitting issues due to a "custody battle" of the airport property between Pickens County and the Airport Authority, construction began as typical with the demolition of the existing T - hangar and grading to new slab preparation. During slab prep the subcontractor performing the work notified me and the owners of GIF of negative remarks and accusations by the neighboring maintenance tenant Garrett about the "new people that don't belong here". The report from the sub outlined comments about GIF's theft by taking of tools and parts and local airport members' opinions on when GIF would kill a student in training because GIF doesn't know what they are doing.

Fast forward again past more irrelevant weeks of no permits due to the same previous reason.

When construction continued the original subcontractor was unable to continue the project due to scheduling conflicts after the site being shut down for several weeks. I assumed the project as primary contractor and proceeded with the new slab prep. During the early days of my construction I would stop in and speak with the neighboring tenant Garrett Cobb to make him aware I would be assuming construction and to let him know every day that we were operating equipment and it would be noisy. As days went by he became more and more direct and forthcoming in his comments/statements in regards to the type of people he and others at Pickens Airport thought the owners of GIF were and that they didn't belong up here in Pickens Co. Garrett's statements went on to accuse David and Laura of GIF of stealing vital parts from within his shop, taking tools without permission and not returning them on a regular basis, and one day proceeded to inform me of his and "others' " (again) concerns for the safety of the students in their school. The safety concerns were based on opinions about GIF's curriculum and some timeline items in the curriculum and the idea GIF would kill someone eventually. He finished with " I don't understand why anyone would use them for flight school when there are good trainers already established here". I informed Garrett I was a student with GIF and that I needed to know what he based his suspicions on out my own safety concerns and he gave no explanations or proof. After this conversation I was never involved in these topics of conversation with Garrett again.

After the building was erected and dried in we entered a rainy season. The rains were occasionally heavy and would puddle up and even run into both GIF's new hangar as well as Garrett's shop hangar. The comments then shifted to an angered version as Garrett blamed GIF's new building as the culprit of rain run off diversion towards his building. Being there was an obvious issue with drainage around those two buildings, I advised GIF to install roof drains from the gutters to take the water from the roof away from the two buildings. We did so and during the drainage installation I found Garrett's drain ending

above grade for positive flow and clogged with dirt. Either it was installed improperly or time and water had upset his system. The find was followed with more derogatory remarks and finger pointing by Garrett towards LSA blaming them and their construction for the drainage issues and flooding. I informed Garrett and the Airport Head it was due to the existing grades in the taxi way and Garrett's plugged drain pipe but my information was dismissed. I took the time to check elevation points in the taxi way to verify the information but was again dismissed.

Throughout the construction of LSA's hangar and also since in operation, I have heard and witnessed numerous rants from Garrett Cobb regarding LSA and their business. All of which were unfounded and without evidence of any grounds for his attitude and actions.

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