

Interview: Nevin Lambert
At his farm house
Stoystown, Pennsylvania

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NL: California, how nice.

DK: Yeah, uh, it's a real long drive, but I came out like I told Mr. Stull, because some people made some comments, you know in some publications...

NL: Yeah.

DK:about what he (Stull) said about Flight 93.

NL: Uh-huh. Yeah, I was feeling upset about that. I saw that, and it was hanging down in the office. You know, that plane was not found.

DK: Yeah, he told us...

NL: I saw that plane intact all the way down in the ground.

DK: You did?

NL: Yes, I did.

DK: Yeah, well, he told us about...

NL: And I met, also met two entertainments yesterday over at the site. So, I had to interview.

DK: Yeah, well, that's why I came out here - to find out if one of the comments that was attributed to Mr. Stull was, and I just confirmed it with him, was taken out of context.

NL: Yeah.

DK: And, that's not right.

NL: No, no. I didn't know anything was going on. I lived here all my life. That's about all there.

Dane: Yeah.

NL: And, nothing, I didn't know anything was going on until right now, so are you with me?

DK: Yeah. It's very generous of you to give us some time here. I appreciate it.

NL: Yeah, I'm working, I volunteer my time. (At the memorial site)

Moving on from discussing his corn crops and the desperate need for rain in the area:

Dane: Oh, you can see it from here, yeah. (Nevin pointing out the exact spot where the plane went into the ground)

NL: Right there in that crossing. It's right there, you know, in a pile. And it came right in between that.

Dane: How was the plane's altitude? What was the....

NL: Right at the end of the nose. It was coming in like that.

Dane: It was going this way?

NL: Yeah, it was going this way. (Gesturing with hands)

Dane: Okay.

NL: Right at the end of the nose. It was trying to involve me. (Flight 93 was on a straight path to Nevin and his home)

Dane: Yeah.

NL: And it made like a 45 degree angle and it went up right now, like anything, you do not know. It came down here in the field. Right down here at 585 mph.

Dane: Which was it coming? I mean, which, was it...

NL: From the junk yard.

Dane: So, it crashed kind of heading this way.

NL: Yeah. Yeah, crashed right in behind by...

Dane: No, it didn't crash along with this....

NL: no, no, no, no, no.

Dane: ...it was kind of like coming towards you?

NL: Yeah, and I was right here, and...

DK: You must have been shocked out of your wits.

NL: ...and I, I don't know, but I thought, man, what the heck is that? Maybe it's an airplane. And it, you never seen a jetliner, you know that low down?

Dane: Yeah.

NL: To the ground?

Dane: Yeah.

NL: And, you, I began to want those 200 people out.

Dane: Wow.

DK: Uh, it must have been just such a shock.

NL: Yeah, I panicked. I didn't know what to do for about a minute or two. And I called out, like...

Dane: Was there a lot of smoke?

NL: Oh, yeah, the whole sky filled up, billowing black smoke, one second after the black smoke went up in the air. What really scared me the most of all was the fire balls. You seen fire balls? Whenever they make all this inflamminant. Caught, caught in the woods and fanned.

Dane: Oh, there was a big fire ball?

NL: Oh, yes.

Dane: Right at the impact?

NL: Yeah, right at the impact.

DK: It started some of the trees on fire then?

NL: Yeah, it caught all the trees and went back and just...

Dane: Did you see any other air planes in the area?

NL: Okay, four hours later.

Dane: Four?

NL: Four hours later, not the same time as Flight 93. And, here's another thing that's getting me upset. Four, they ain't saying there was a F-16 jet flying across. The next thing they was all flying round me - no! I'm staying here all the time. Four hours later that same day, there was an F-16 Fighter jet moving right over my house.

Dane: Oh, okay.

NL: It moved right over...

Dane: And, that was four hours later.

NL: Four hours later.

Dane: Okay, okay.

NL: It's like right in the ground there, right over there.

Dane: Yeah. Did you see, I understand there was a corporate jet that they, uh, when the plane disappeared off the radar, they asked a corporate jet, could he...

NL: No, I didn't....I didn't see nothing.

Dane: Okay.

DK: The man at the airport, at the uh, Somerset County Airport, and the uh, one of the paramedics who was in rescue, they said that the corporate jet belonged to, I forget the name of the company, but they, they were asked to fly over to get the exact coordinates, so they could, you know...

NL: Right here was where I was standing, you know. And that plane came right between that pink pile and ran right across here. And I go, man that sucker is coming right into my house! You know, once it was going like this, and then it turned and went wobbling, and then it landed, in, in the nose, it's coming in. And it made like a 45 degree angle. It then flipped upside down. And then down in.

Dane: Down in?

NL: At 585 mph.

DK: Totally out of control then?

NL: Yeah.

Dane: Did it make a big noise when it hit?

NL: Oh, yeah, it made a big, big one. We have uh, 40 head of Black Angus cattle.

Dane: And they all took off running I'll bet.

NL: Yeah. It took two hands to pull this up. And, in time it got smoky and everything. And they wasn't right. You could tell cattle, when everything is not right.

Dane: This is beforehand?

NL: Yeah.

DK: Two days beforehand?

NL: Yeah.

Dane: Wow.

NL: ...two days before. And, it finally got smoky and they went down in the woods down there. And they stood down there for about two weeks and then came back.

DK: You know, I had the unfortunate experience, as my colleague (Dane), we've both seen airplanes crash.

NL: Oh?

DK: Up in the Northern part of California I was visiting my mother of all things and a U2 spy plane from Beale Air Force Base, I happened to come over the hill, because it's very rural where my mom lives. Came up over the top of the hill and it took my eyes right to the plane as it was coming straight down. Straight down. It went straight into the ground.

NL: When is this? And there go more souls.

DK: And, I knew the pilot was going to die and there was nothing I could do. I had pulled over to the side of the road and was just sitting there with the tears rolling down my face because I knew the pilot was going to die and I was watching. It was horrific, so I understand how you must have felt.

Dane: Was any smoke coming out of the plane beforehand?

NL: No.

Dane: You can uh...it was a clean, clean plane?

NL: ...clean plane. I saw that...I ain't trying to tame my anger on the article. Right then that plane was, there was no smoke coming out. And why, why is people saying that it was shot down? They don't know.

DK: Well, the ones that are saying it was shot down don't seem to be able to produce the shooter.

NL: Yeah, yeah. I been here all my life, on Skyline Route..up there where the memorial is. That wasn't there then, nothing was there at all.

(Portion deleted as requested).

DL: And, that's one of the reasons I came out here was to try and, you know, dispel some of this stuff and get to the truth of the matter.

NL: Yeah, yeah.

DK: And, it's also very cruel to say things that aren't true just to sell papers.

NL: Yeah, yeah, that's what I mean. Hey, I'm just like you and I'm not lying. I'm telling the truth. And, I had my green truck right there, and I saw that thing right there, coming right at the green, that's why I didn't put the car...

Dane: It must have happened very quickly. It it was...

NL: Yes, it...

Dane: ...500, it was...

NL: Yeah, it went just like that. Right in a second. It all went.

Dane: Well, I'll tell you, it's lucky he did crash right where he did, because if he had leveled out, he could have just slammed right into your home.

NL: Uh-huh, he could have come right in.

Dane: Because he was coming right for you.

NL: Yep.

Dane: So, you were looking right down the nose of that thing.

NL: Yep, right down the nose. Yeah. And, here's another thing, people are saying they saw the people looking out the plane...

Dane: They saw what?

NL: ...yeah, look...

DK: Looking out of the plane?

NL: ...yeah, looking out of the lane. I didn't see nobody and I was only from here to there.

Dane: Do you know if he had his landing gear down? Or, was it, uh...

NL: No, there was no wheels or nothing.

Dane: No wheels?

NL: No wheels or nothing. I know that for a fact.

Dane (who is also a pilot): Could you hear the sounds of the engine?

NL: No, no. I did not hear no engines on that plane. And I have talked, met and I was talking to a United Airlines Captain and they say the plane came in, the way that joint line is, that's where the American flag is, came right along that branch top. September 11th, I'll never forget as long as I live. That's why we didn't have no lights, because...and right here used to be piled top soil and it took down all of it. The lights and we didn't have no lights and telephones for six weeks. And, you know what happened? Cause he (pilot) took out the main pattern up here. Six weeks after it happened, I couldn't get out my lane.

Dane: You what?

NL: I couldn't get out my lane.

Dane: Oh, they had it blocked?

NL: Yeah, well, not them.

Dane: Well, how did they expect you to come and go and shop?

NL: ...ain't' when you ain't got, the only thing I could do is have a state police called, get behind me, one in back and guide me. It was out for six weeks. And they was, they was right here at the end of my lane for six weeks out in front.

Later:

NL: Well, how many, how many hours did it take you to drive here from California?

DK: It took four and a half days, 2740 miles.

NL: How many?

DK: 2740

NL: Wow-wee. Wow.

DK: When I want the truth, I go after it.

NL: Hey, oh, that's is interesting.

Later:

DK: No, no comments from you other than exactly what you observed.

NL: Yeah, okay, one time I did this for a local cable.

DK: And they, they screwed you.

NL: Oh yeah, they set me up. And you know what, I've been really, really...

Dane: What did they do to you?

NL: Set me up, they misquoted.

DK: ...or quoted you out of context?

NL: Right....you know, that's why Ernie Stoll said you've got to watch yourself and what you're saying. He is older than I am.

DK: Yes, absolutely.

NL: Because, all, so many of these reporters are looking to trick you. They don't care.
No, no.

The rest of our time was spent in pleasant conversation about personal life stories.