



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 15, 2016
Person Contacted: Ash Marquardt
[REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ANC16FA057

Narrative:

Ash Marquardt stated that the pilot of N9541S stopped at Mr. Marquardt's hangar and was "looking for rejuv" for the fabric on N9541S. Mr. Marquardt stated that this was the first time that he met the pilot. Mr. Marquardt stated the when he looked at N9541S there was a "whole bunch of cracking" of the fabric that was behind the fuel tank. Mr. Marquardt said that he saw N9541S, which was for sale, a "few times." Mr. Marquardt said that the pilot told him the fabric was good but Mr. Marquardt would want to "take a look at it" before flying the airplane. Mr. Marquardt said he saw the pilot perform at "least a couple of touch and go's going to the south" about 1200-1230 on the day of the accident. Mr. Marquardt said that he looked inside of N9541S and it was "clean." Mr. Marquardt did not open the airplane cowl or look at the airplane engine. He said that the airplane had a repair on the right longeron, on the tail. Mr. Marquardt said the airplane had been "sitting there" and it was the first time that he saw it fly. Mr. Marquardt said that it the airplane was there for at least a month with a for sale sign on it. He said the he did not see or hear the accident flight but heard sirens. Mr. Marquardt said the he saw the pilot perform two takeoffs to the south on runway 2L and "at least" 15-20 minutes elapsed between the last takeoff and landing to the time of the accident. He said the he did not see any fluid leaks from the airplane. Mr. Marquardt said that behind the right fuel tank filler cap there was a repair that followed the aft edge of the wing and spread out, and according to the pilot, was worked on by the pilot's airplane partner. Mr. Marquardt did not look at the fuel level in N9541S and did not see the pilot obtain fuel for the airplane on the day of the accident. Mr. Marquardt said the it "sounded like" the pilot's airplane partner was leaving the partnership and that was the reason why the airplane was for sale. Mr. Marquardt said that the pilot "seemed like a pretty straight shooter" and the pilot did not "seem impaired" when he talked to him on the day of the accident. Mr. Marquardt said the airplane was "performing fine" when it was flying on the day of the accident.