



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Judith Miller, pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18CA052, N5020D

Narrative:

Mrs. Miller was the pilot of the Cessna 182A that landed hard and short of Birchwood Airport runway 20R on June 30, 2018. She was interviewed via phone. This is a summary of her statements:

- The accident occurred on June 30, 2018, about 1930. She sustained no injuries during the accident.
- She had no intent to fly that day and was checking the airplane out to get it ready for the first flight of the season. If everything checked out, she was going to take it flying. Neither she nor the airplane flew since the previous fall. Other people may have flown the airplane.
- She performed a thorough preflight. The oil checked good and the fuel was sumped and checked with no water or debris. She fueled up the airplane to full on the right fuel tank and $\frac{3}{4}$ on the left fuel tank. There was about a total of 50 gallons.
- She performed a ground runup and all indications were normal.
- The airspeed indicator was erratic, so she talked to a mechanic acquaintance at the airport. He suggested a high-speed taxi to check it out. She conducted the high-speed taxi test on the taxiway and became airborne and then returned it to the taxiway. She then attempted another high-speed taxi test on the runway with the flaps up. She became airborne and started to porpoise, so she elected to continue flight and go around the landing pattern vice damage the nose landing gear.
- During the flight, she was very distracted by the other two airplanes in the pattern and had difficulty concentrating on flying. One of the other airplanes in the pattern kept shouting "what are your intentions?" Once she was on final, she remembered that she didn't perform her checklist and she was "behind" on flying the airplane. Then the airplane was descending rapidly

towards the runway and when she added throttle to correct for the high rate of descent, the engine did not respond, so she rode it down until it hit the gravel area short of the runway.

- After the hard impact with the ground, she noted that the mixture lever was out, and she thinks she may have pulled it out instead of carb heat on final approach. She was very confused at the time and really could not recall why the engine wasn't producing power. She was sure that the propeller control lever was in.
- When asked what she thought caused the accident, she stated that it was not she who put the airplane in the air during the high-speed taxi. She did not know.
- When asked if there were any mechanical issues that may have contributed or caused the accident, she said that the airspeed indicator wasn't working properly.
- She did not intend on flying and did not feel that the incident should be classified as an accident.

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