



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 26, 2018
Persons Contacted: Mr. Eric Johnson, accident pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18CA068

Narrative:

Mr. Johnson was the pilot and owner of PA-18 N5392Y which crashed at Todd's Strip Airport (5AKA) Wasilla, Alaska, on August 25, 2018. This is a summary of his statements.

- Mr. Johnson stated that he departed Birchwood Airport about 1100 for a recreational flight in the area. There were no mechanical issues with the airplane. The airplane was outfitted with 31 inch Bush wheels and a new engine. The airplane was not insured.
- He flew to Alexander Creek and Hatcher's Pass and after 2 hours of flight needed to take a break. He chose Todd's Strip because he was a friend of the owner and familiar with the field, although he had not been there in many years and did not contact the owner ahead of time.
- He landed to the east about the midfield point so that he could easily reach the end which was private. He did not see the ditch in the grass on the north side of the airstrip. It was covered in tall grass and some standing water. The left main landing gear wheel became caught in the ditch and then he lost directional control and the airplane rolled into the ditch. He secured the engine before the airplane flipped over.
- He does not remember much about the rescue or helicopter transport to the hospital.
- Mr. Johnson sustained minor injuries.