



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Michael Fuchs, pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18LA021, N412MF

Narrative:

Mr. Fuchs was the owner, builder and pilot of the accident gyrocopter. He was recently released from the hospital. The interview was conducted by telephone. This is a summary of his statements:

Mr. Fuchs was recently released from the hospital and feeling much better. He does not remember much of the accident. He recalled that the gyroplane was bouncing during the takeoff roll, and then it tipped over. He did not get a weather brief or file a flight plan because it was a local flight within 10 minutes of his home. The winds were strong and gusting that day, and he attempted to takeoff into the wind. He was wearing his eyeglasses and helmet.

The purpose of the flight was to fly the gyroplane to his home airport after the condition inspections were completed. The engine started and ran up without any issues. The engine had been running rough some weeks prior to the accident, but his mechanic fixed the carburetor, and it has been running fine since. The gyrocopter did have operating brakes.

Mr. Fuchs had no operational manuals for reference. The gyrocopter was experimental. When asked what he uses for maximum crosswind, he stated that he takes off into the wind. Mr. Fuchs has the logbooks and said he would send copies of them to the investigator. He knew of no mechanical malfunctions or issues that would have resulted in the accident.

The end.