



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 04/19/2021
Person Contacted: Steve Williams ACME Aviation (Certified Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: ANC21LA031

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the pilot's certified flight instructor:

- When he flew the accident airplane it wasn't the easiest 185 to land with a crosswind but the airplane was not uncontrollable
- Mr. Allred had approached him in January or February in need of 10 hours in a 185 to meet insurance requirements and to receive his tailwheel endorsement
- They flew about 5-6 hours in his 180 and then about 2-4 hours in Mr. Allred's 185
- He told Mr. Allred that he would endorse him if he promised to fly with him again before taking his own airplane up
- He believed Mr. Allred received his airplane back from getting avionics installed the Monday before the accident and possibly flew it around the pattern
- Mr. Allred then called him to fly with him on that Tuesday
- He agreed to fly Tuesday, during the flight, while practicing direct crosswind landings (about a 6-knot wind), he had to take the controls from Mr. Allred every time on landing; then they switched to runway 34 and the airplane went straight down the runway for Mr. Williams every time he landed, every landing Mr. Allred performed was out of control. During the flight he had to help Mr. Allred with all but one of the landings
- Mr. Allred's 185 might have had gear that wasn't perfectly straight, but they did multiple landings, and he had no problem with the airplane control
- Mr. Allred's 185 never darted while landing into the wind
- He did recommend that the 185 get checked out if Mr. Allred felt it needed
- He was not able to fly with Mr. Allred after that Tuesday because he was traveling to Fairbanks



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- Mr. Allred called him to try and fly Wednesday, but it was late in the day. He knew he would be gone all week and told Mr. Allred to not take the airplane out until he was comfortable
- He heard the airplane was checked out by a local shop and that Mr. Allred had received a new instructor to go fly with him because he was out of town
- He learned of the accident on his trip back from Fairbanks