



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 21, 2022
Person Contacted: Michael Hurlbert
Location: Owner's home in Wasilla
NTSB Accident Number: ANC22LA049

Meet with Michael to examine the wreckage of his PA-20 Pacer N7048K. Michael said he was the pilot and the IA A&P mechanic that worked on this airplane. He maintained this plane and had conducted the annual inspection. He had flown this plane to Palmer airport to pick up a passenger and departed to a practice strip on a sand bar near Knik Glacier and Hunter Creek. He had landed on the sand bar and shut down. On departure from the sand bar, the engine lost power about 200 feet in the air and he made a force landing approximately 200 yards to the south of the departure point. He stated that based on the conditions, he believed carb ice had caused the engine to loss power.

Michael and I looked over the engine and found nothing that would have precluded normal operations. After examination of the engine, Michael concluded that carb ice was what caused the engine to lose power.