



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: April 9, 2013
Person Contacted: John Merrill
NTSB Accident Number: CEN12LA539

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, John Merrill reported that the pilot shut down the engine two times when he experienced an in-flight vibration during a local flight. The pilot then landed the airplane on a field. The propeller was found 500 yards from the airplane. The inspector stated that the pilot installed the propeller bolts backwards and they were not properly torqued. The tachometer time at the time of the accident was 607.9 hours. The pilot and passenger sustained minor injuries.

John Merrill gave the pilot two National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Accident/Incident Report forms when he met the pilot.