



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 26, 2013
Person Contacted: Mr. Kirk Barlow, Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN13LA561

Narrative:

The pilot reported that about 10 minutes after takeoff he smelled smoke in the cockpit. He stated that the cockpit got dark within 10 seconds, and that it didn't smell like an electrical fire. He turned off the master switch and the engine quit. He turned the master switch back on, but the engine didn't relight.

The airplane was about 200 – 300 feet agl when the emergency occurred. His destination airport was about 95 miles away.

He stated that turning off the master switch was coincidental to the engine quitting. It wouldn't have any effect on the mags.

Master and Battery switches are on right side. The mag switches are on the left side panel.

The engine was replaced about a week prior to the accident. A ground run was conducted after the engine replacement. Fresh overhaul from shop in Tulsa. Northstar replaced the engine.

He got the call 4 days before the accident about the aircraft being ready for pickup.

He stated that the airplane stopped within 50 yards and it was completely burned up. The fire was "pretty big" before the airplane stopped.

He didn't know what started the fire.