



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Accident Number: CEN15FA141

Location: Kersey: Colorado

Aircraft: Lacourse Wheeler Express, N564ER

Date of the Accident: February 11, 2015

Subject: Witness Interview, Mr. Sam Foster, Foster Trucking, Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Foster said he was standing outside his shop about 3/4 mile away from the accident location when he heard an airplane's engine "sputtering." He went outside and saw a white airplane approaching. When the airplane flew over him, it was about 200 to 300 feet above ground level, the engine was running rough and he heard it occasionally "missing". The airplane passed his location and proceeded southeast bound when he heard a backfire and he thought the engine stopped running. The airplane then descended and struck the ground at high speed in a nose down dive of about 30 degrees with the wings level. There was an immediate postimpact fire. He called 9-1-1 emergency, went to the accident location, and fought the fire with several handheld fire extinguishers until emergency responders arrived.

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