



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Jordan Stoltzfus – Student pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN15LA106

Narrative:

In a telephone conversation with MR. Stoltzfus, he stated the following:

He was conducting ground reference maneuvers, specifically “turns around a point”, above his house near Shipshewana, IN. He was about 1,600 feet AGL (about 2,500 feet MSL). He was in the second turn of the maneuver and the engine started struggling to make power. He thought the airplane might have been stalling. He advanced the throttle lever to full forward and then the engine quit shortly after. He began doing the emergency procedures for an engine failure that he could remember – mixture to rich, fuel pump on and throttle lever back. The engine responded for a second and then died again. He was setting up for a forced landing in a field near his house. During the turn from base to final, he lost control and descended quickly. The airplane impacted the ground and continued into a propane tank and came to rest next to a house.

He stated that the weather was VFR but he did fly through some low clouds during the flight. The clouds did not obstruct his view of the ground and he was able to maintain VFR the entire time.

When asked about the alternate air lever, he was not familiar with it and did not know what the lever was used for.

He will complete an NTSB 6120.1 form and send to the IIC.

End of conversation.