



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 12/11/15 & 12/16/15
Person Contacted: Mitchell Zahler – Accident Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA061

The following information is a summary of multiple correspondences with Mr. Zahler:

He was the pilot in command for the accident flight. He was at the accident scene at the time of the telephone conversation and was waiting on the FAA inspector to arrive to move the airplane. He was giving a ride to the potential airplane buyer. The engine start-up and run-up were great and he didn't notice anything wrong; carburetor heat was applied during the run-up. He departed from runway 04 at Lake Elmo Airport, climbed to about 100 feet agl and then the engine rpm suddenly went from 2,400 rpm to 1,600 rpm. He did not have time to apply carburetor heat after the loss of engine power. He stated that carburetor ice could have been the issue.