



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: February 21, 2017
Person Contacted: Daniel Spier, Pilot's Father
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17FA108**

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Spier stated his son was an A&P mechanic and worked on the airplane. He was aware his son was having a difficult time starting the airplane and had been working on the engine. His son's flying experience in the airplane consisted of takeoff from the private airstrip, fly down the runway about 50 feet above the ground, and then land. Mr. Spier did not believe his son was as experienced as he should have been to fly the airplane. He remarked that the "airplane does not float, it is a lawn dart." He explained that if the airplane was in a turn with reduced power, the airplane "immediately wanted to stall." His son completed his private pilot training in Cessna 172 and Cessna 150 taildraggers. His son's training was completed at three different locations, he started training at Oswego Airport, then moved to Madison County Airport, and finished his private license at a third place, which he did not recall.

Mr. Spier was also a pilot and had flown with his son 6 or 7 times in the year prior.