



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 19, 2018
Person Contacted: Robert Bennett, airplane owner
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA076

Narrative: In a telephone conversation with Mr. Bennett, he stated the following:

- The pilot, Luke Simon, is his son-in-law and the passenger, Caron Simon (15), is his grandson and Luke's son
- Luke is named on the airplane's insurance list as an authorized pilot
- They were flying his airplane for a pleasure flight, as they do frequently with the grandchildren
- Carson is no longer in the hospital but doesn't remember anything except the preflight
- Luke is still in the ICU and remembers some of the flight
- Luke told him that they were returning to LMO for touch-and-go landings. They completed 1 landing, then after the 2nd touch-and-go after Luke had retracted the landing gear, the engine lost power. There was no remaining runway available to land, so Luke pushed the nose down and made a forced landing to the field off the end of runway 29
- Robert has never had any issues with this engine before
- He didn't think Luke filed a flight plan and wasn't sure if he received VFR flight following
- Robert didn't believe this was any kind of instructional flight and was more of a sightseeing flight
- Robert and Luke frequently took the kids for sightseeing flights
- None of the grandchildren had started any kind of ground school or showed extreme interest in learning to fly

End of conversation.