



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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The pilot provided the following information and perspectives for the accident:

- The purpose of the flight was to orient himself to the T-18, which he had recently purchased. He had flown about 200 hours in tailwheel airplanes.
- He and the flight instructor departed the Longmont airport and he flew several area maneuvers.
- After returning to the airport, he executed about eight landings. He estimated winds during the landings as light and variable.
- During the last landing, planned as a full stop, the airplane turned to the right as it decelerated below about 40 knots. He was not sure if he was on the brakes during the landing rollout.
- He thought the landing was “not the best he had made but was not horrible”. He estimated his touchdown speed to be about 60 knots.
- After the right turn started, he attempted to correct by applying left rudder control and with the brakes, but the airplane ground looped, departed the runway surface, and nosed over.
- During the nose over, the pilot and flight instructor suffered serious back injuries.