



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 13, 2018
Person Contacted: Lon Walter, Pilot/Owner
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA374

Narrative: In a phone conversation with Mr. Walter, he stated the following:

- He landed at Saginaw (HYX) and added 25 gallons of fuel to the left tank
- There was only about 2-3 gallons in the right tank and the aux tank was emptied
- When he landed at 5Y0 earlier in the day he didn't notice the long grass at the end of the runway. He only noticed the rest of the runway covered in patches of weeds
- During the takeoff he noticed the longer green grass at the beginning of the takeoff roll
- He got the nose wheel up about 300 ft then the mains lifted off about half way down the runway
- He tried to keep the airplane low (5-10 ft agl) to remain in ground effect
- His wife told he that the left wing brushed the trees during the takeoff but he didn't notice that since he was so focused on flying the airplane
- The wind seemed to be pulling the airplane toward the left side of the runway and he kept getting closer to the trees
- He thought the wind was also pushing the airplane down and not allowing him to climb as expected
- There were no mechanical issues with the engine or airplane

End of conversation.