



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Title: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: 18 December, 2019
Person Contacted: Mike Piccirilli
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA276

Narrative:

On August 19, 2019, about 1834 Central daylight time, an experimental light sport, Sport Copter Vortex gyrocopter, N634SC, impacted a corn and wheat field about .31 miles west of the departure end of runway 29 at Viroqua Municipal Airport (Y51) Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Prior to the accident owner gaining possession of the accident gyrocopter, it was owned by Wings of Hope in Chesterfield, Missouri. Mr. Piccirilli was an aircraft sales representative that was familiar with the gyrocopter. He stated that while in the possession of Wings of Hope, the gyrocopter never flew and had never even been started. When the gyrocopter was delivered, it arrived on a trailer with the rotor blades removed. He stated that the hobbs meter displayed 282 hours. He stated that no maintenance took place on the gyrocopter while in the possession of Wings of Hope. He said that the engine appeared new with no bluing or discoloration present on the exhaust.

END OF INTERVIEW