



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Central Region - Denver, Colorado

Record of Telephone Conversation

Person Interviewed: Robert Fecteau
Subject: – CEN19LA258, C172, N1609V
Date: 8/13/19

During the telephone conversation Mr. Fecteau stated the following:

He was piloting N1609V from Hickory Regional Airport (HKY), NC, to Virginia for the purpose of getting the airplane's annual inspection completed. He stated he had been flying the airplane regularly leading up to the accident and there were no problems noted with the airplane. He said the engine normally consumed 1 qt of oil every 4-6 flights.

Mr. Fecteau had flown about 1:30 hours on the accident flight when the master caution light came on and "Oil Pressure" message appeared on the Aspen PFD. He elected to divert to Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport (CHO), VA, which was 21.5 miles away. He said he made it 7-8 miles and the engine seized. He performed an emergency landing to a field, landing about 30 yards before a small hedgerow. The airplane hit a fence in the hedgerow, which collapsed the nose gear. The airplane continued into the field where it hit a large round haybale, which caused the airplane to flip over.

Mr. Fecteau said there was no oil on the windscreen and no sign of oil on the underbelly after the accident.

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