



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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During the course of the investigation, dispatch logs and paperwork identified Ward Benker as another private pilot that flew in the accident airplane several times prior. In a telephone interview with Ward Benker stated the following:

He stated that the ammeter did not work properly in the airplane. He said that the first time he flew with the CFI he knew that he wouldn't be flying with a passenger. He stated that the airplane was very underpowered. He stated that the airplane seemed "tired", and that the 150 hp engine might have been underpowered, compared to a 160 hp engine airplane he had flown previously. He reiterated that the airplane "flew nice but was just underpowered."

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