



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Robert Pierpont, accident pilot

NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA407

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

He and a friend were completing a long, multi-leg trip. The accident flight was from Huntingburg, IN, to his friend's private grass strip at his home near Marengo, IN. During the flight their altitude was about 2,500 ft to 3,000 ft. As he approached the grass strip he was behind his friend in the pattern. He advanced the throttle, but the engine did not respond with more power. He believed that the engine experienced carburetor icing since the engine acted in a very similar manner as the previous occasions that he's had carburetor icing. He does not have carburetor heat equipped on his airplane. He landed on the grass strip without incident and shut down the engine. He and his friend were on the ground for about 30 minutes and unloaded some cargo from his airplane. He decided to fly his airplane back to his residence, so he started the engine without issue. After takeoff he circled above the strip several times at full power, then decreased the power to a cruise setting and headed toward home. The next thing he remembered was gliding down toward the strip to land. He stated that he did not have control of his body and believes some medical condition prevented him from moving or making any control inputs. He could still see and was aware what was happening, but he couldn't physically move. He realized he was going to hit a tree but was unable to make any control input to avoid it. He woke up while being tended to by medical professional and loaded into a helicopter for the hospital.

End of conversation.