



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Conversation with: William Borah, FAA Inspector, Chicago FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA427

Narrative:

Inspector Borah examined the glider and spoke to the pilot, Mr. Jim Zagel, on October 1, 2020. Inspector Borah informed me that the pilot was provided an NTSB form 6120.1, which he was filling out at the time. Inspector Borah said that he expected Mr. Zagel would complete the form by the end of the day, October 2, 2020.

Inspector Borah said the pilot told him he was landing the glider and on touch down, they bounced. He pushed the control stick forward with his arm and the glider impacted on the nose, damaging the fuselage at the front wheel. The pilot consulted an Airworthiness Inspector that was on the Hinkley Airport, and he told the pilot that they should report the event to the NTSB.

Inspector Borah examined the glider. He reported that everything was okay with the flight controls. He reported that there was an 8-inch long crack in the fuselage on the left side of the fuselage above the front wheel. The paint wasn't broken but the crack line was visible beneath the paint and beneath the interior wall of the cockpit floor.

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