

National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

John O. Forde

July 13, 2021

Interviewee: John O. Forde
Date/Time: July 13, 2021 / 1346 CDT
Location: Telephone Call
Investigator: Andrew Todd Fox, NTSB Air Safety Investigator

NTSB Investigator Fox and Mr. Forde discussed the following:

Mr. Forde was interested in purchasing the airplane, and that Mr. Lamar Leinbach (the pilot) offered to fly the airplane from Curtiss, Wisconsin, to New Richmond Regional Airport (RNH), New Richmond, Wisconsin, where Mr. Forde could examine the airplane. Mr. Forde suggested to meet about 1200 at RNH, but the pilot subsequently requested to meet at 0600. Mr. Forde agreed to meet at 0600 believing that the pilot had to return for work after their meeting.

Mr. Forde stated that on the morning of the accident, about 0600, there was low ground fog at RNH. When the airplane did not arrive at RNH, about 0615, Mr. Forde began to call and send text messages to the pilot, but never received any replies. Around 1100, Mr. Forde called the Clark County Sheriff's Office to report that the pilot did not arrive at RNH.

Mr. Forde was very cooperative throughout the conversation.