



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Dennis Diaz
Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety - Eastern Region

Date: August 15, 2014 at 1000 EDT
Person(s) Interviewed: Anastasia Goldousky
NTSB Case Number: ERA14LA388

Narrative:

- Ms. Gouldousky is a pilot and a flight instructor and was providing an introductory flight at the time of the accident. The passengers were Mr. Bing Shen (rear seat) and his son (estimated age about 7 or 8, left front seat).
- The flight was cleared for takeoff from runway 23, and about 400 feet above the ground the engine suddenly lost power. The pilot verified that the throttle and mixture were in the full forward position, and while she was pushing the already forward levers forward, the engine power suddenly resumed for about 5 seconds. The engine then again lost power. She was next going to verify that the fuel pump was still activated, but was interrupted when she heard the stall warning sound. She then stopped trying to troubleshoot the engine problem, lowered the airplane's nose and prepared for a forced landing.
- She saw a road that seemed suitable for a landing, then spotted the vacant parking lot and subsequently steered the airplane toward it.
- The child passenger seated in the left seat had his hands on the throttles with her at the time of the loss of engine power. She was not sure what his other hand was doing at that time. The child's father was seated in the back either taking still photos or a video.
- She had last set the fuel selector to the right tank during the runup, and had no trouble accessing the valve despite the fact that she was seated in the right seat.