



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Terrell Lockett (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15CA107

Mr. Lockett was interviewed over the telephone.

According to Mr. Lockett, He had flown to Huntsville to do military training. On the way back from Huntsville, he stopped in Alexander City where he normally gets gas on the way home.

He had been having issues with his battery not being able to hold a charge. After fueling at Alexander City, he attempted to start the engine, but it would not even turn over.

He had been shown years prior how to prop-start an airplane. He tried two times without result, rechecked everything and then tried again without result. At this point, he thought that the engine must be flooded, so he pushed the throttle all the way in and shut off the key (magnetos).

He believed that "apparently one magneto was still on though, since when he attempted to prop-start the engine again, it caught and "wound up" immediately.

The brakes did not hold, and the airplane accelerated. He was in front of the right wing, and tried to "hop in" but "the wind" blew the door closed. He grabbed hold of the wing at that point and tried to pivot the airplane away from any obstacles towards a ditch. The airplane then dragged him along the ground, and then ran him over, with the right main landing gear wheel rolling over his head.

He was scraped, bruised, and had muscle strain, but did not receive any broken bones.

The airplane then traveled approximately 300 feet before encountering a drainage ditch and coming to a stop.