



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 18, 2015
Person Contacted: Roy Henry, FAA FSDO, Greensboro, NC
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA320

Narrative:

Mr. Henry was interviewed via telephone. He stated that the owner/passenger had just purchased the airplane, but did not have a tailwheel endorsement. He hired the pilot to fly the airplane back to his home airport. The pilot taxied the airplane several times before attempting a takeoff. During the takeoff, the airplane departed the left side of the runway and struck a ditch, resulting in substantial damage to both wings and the fuselage. Mr. Henry did not observe any preimpact mechanical malfunctions with the airplane.