



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 31, 2015
Person Contacted: Bill Chapman (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA133

Narrative:

Spoke with the pilot via telephone the afternoon of August 31, 2015 about 1630 eastern daylight time.

When asked about N891PC and the events surrounding the accident he stated;

He had a horse show on Thursday and had to make the trip. It was the first or second time by himself in the airplane. Normally has an instructor with him.

The runup, taxi and climb out were normal. While at 3,000 VFR, everything went dark. He did not see the generator light.

Everything went black.

He took out the generator out checklist and ran it but he could not get the power back.

Stated he had lots of gas so he didn't panic. At least 250 gallons.

Tried to manually extend the gear, pumping but had no feedback or resistance. Wasn't sure if gear was coming down.

Flew to Fayetteville (FYM) because it was not as busy as Huntsville and he was familiar with it. Flew the pattern twice and tried to get the gear down. He didn't want to land at a busy airport.

He spotted a huge field outside of FYM and elected to land in the field instead of an airport. Landed and struck the beans and came to a quick stop. The airplane spun around.

Had never dropped gear before. There was no feedback at all. He ran the gen out checklist but couldn't get the power restored. No smell of smoke and didn't see any circuit breakers tripped.