



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 29, 2016
Person Contacted: Dan Merrell, FAA FSDO, Memphis, TN
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA260

Narrative:

Mr. Merrell was interviewed via telephone. He stated that he retained the section of left landing gear leg that had separated and forwarded it to the NTSB Materials Laboratory. Mr. Merrell added that the left landing gear leg fracture surface appeared to exhibit corrosion.

Mr. Merrell further stated that the previous owner of the airplane did not use the stock bungee landing gear that was included with the kit. Rather, he designed and constructed his own round tapered rod landing gear.