



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 26, 2016
Person Contacted: Martin Stoken, Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA319

Narrative:

Telecon with the Pilot Martin Stoken. Doing well but shaken up. He was able to get out of the airplane before it caught on fire. He was extra cautious during his preflight because the day before the accident, the airplane had an engine issue and reduction in power. He did an emergency landing in a field. Maintenance changed a cylinder and released the airplane. Think it was the number 2, but not sure.

Out of an abundance of caution, he triple checked everything before the flight; he did an extra-long runup and engine check for about 10-15 minutes and checked all the gauges to make sure everything was good. He then taxied to the end of the runway which was a field east of the facility/farm.

He ran the engine to full power for about 5 additional minutes during his pre takeoff runup and looked for anything unusual or out of the norm. Seeing none, he attempted a short field takeoff to the west. This is a normal takeoff route based on the winds.

During the takeoff roll, which was only about 600 feet, he was only a few feet off the ground 5 to 10 feet when he heard a loud "pop" and there was a vibration coming through the whole airframe. The engine lost a bunch of power, maybe all of it. The airplane stopped flying and settled back onto the ground.

Was going too fast to stop and there was not enough room to maneuver away from the end of the runway where there are building, silos and equipment. Tried to go in between but the airplane struck a trailer and a piece of farm equipment. The airplane skidded to a stop in a gravel parking area in front of the building.

Will complete and submit the accident report as soon as possible. He doesn't have some of the information but will try to get it for the report.

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