



## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

**Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia**

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### RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Joseph Baggett

RE: ERA17LA282

In a telephone interview, Mr. Baggett stated that he had recently received a tailwheel endorsement on August 14, 2017, in the accident airplane and the purpose of the flight was to practice takeoffs and landings. He said that even though he had the proper endorsement to fly the airplane alone, he asked Mr. Taloney, who gave him the endorsement, to come along with him as a precaution. Mr. Baggett said that he had already completed several landings (5 or 6) and had just taken off and started to turn on a left crosswind about 500 ft above the ground (agl) when the engine stopped producing power. He immediately lowered the nose of the airplane, check the position of the fuel selector, and applied carburetor heat. The engine started, and the pilot began a climb; however, the engine quit running again, then re-started, and quit a third time. By this time, Mr. Taloney, had taken control of the airplane and made the forced landing to the cotton field.

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