



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: October 12, 2018
Person Contacted: Owner/Instructor (Dave Gallagher)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA257

Narrative:

Telecon; Asked about copies of the logbook pages going back to the last annual. He will resend the pages. The airplane had damage to the windshield, and wing. The wing needed to be replaced, but the replacement was due to financial considerations as opposed to replacing the leading-edge skin. The windshield was destroyed. Discussed the location and the maintenance facility. The airplane is being repaired. It's also going through an annual. The propeller was overhauled and not replaced. It had some scrapes on it. The left wing had impact damage and a tear from the fence pole. The windshield was replaced.

The pilot (student) was a friend of his. He was doing very well during his solo flight. There were multiple trips around the pattern. He confirmed that this was the third flight of the day. On the accident flight, during climb about 300 feet, the airplane looked like it was at a high angle of attack. The angle of attack appeared to be excessive. It would make sense that the airspeed would be bleeding off and he likely thought there was a problem.

He had plenty of runway; it was just over 5,000 feet long and 100 feet wide. He was directly over it and there was plenty of runway ahead of him. Discussed how the airplane was at three hundred feet when the pilot attempted to make the turn and land on the same runway, but in the opposing direction, runway 23. He probably had his adrenalin going and made the decision to land on the same runway as opposed to the adjacent runway, where he would have had more time to land and stop. He was carrying a lot of energy. It almost makes sense that a "new" pilot with only 27 hours would react in this fashion. The student told him the rpm

The pilot wanted to get right back to flying. They reviewed the accident and when they resume instruction, they would run through a similar scenario like a case study and use it as an actual learning experience.

We concluded the call with an additional request for the logbook pages/photocopy.

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