



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- The two men took off and were leaving the area to do a test flight.
- The son watched them turn toward the ridgeline southeast of the airport and indicated that they never really climbed and were just above the tree-tops.
- The airplane disappeared over the tree line and then the son heard a cracking sound then a thump. He did not hear the engine quit but stated that the engine did not sound like it was running properly.
- There was fuel at the sight . . . You could smell it.
- The airplane came in inverted and flat: the footprint is the size of the airplane. No damage to leading edge of propeller although one blade is fractured mid-span.
- He stated that it seemed to have hit the treetops and flipped over with little forward airspeed, descending to the ground inverted.
- The right wing is impact separated at the wing root; empennage is intact with little damage.