



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Christine Hogan
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Narrative:

Preflight and runup and taxi were fine. Nothing out of the ordinary. The flights were going well too. The student was at the controls, and they were practicing short field landings and takeoffs.

After the first or second landing, they taxied back after their full stop and debrief. During the short taxi she remembered putting the carb heat on.

During the next flight, the student flew in ground effect but during the climb, the airplane wasn't performing; it wasn't climbing and was very sluggish. She asked the student why they weren't climbing and the student said, "I don't know, you have the controls."

The airplane was "barely" flying, and she needed to "just fly the airplane." There was no time for troubleshooting. The engine was operating but not maintaining enough power to climb or even maintain altitude.

She doesn't recall setting carb ice on during the climb because there was no time. And the airplane was barely flying as it was. The weather was suitable for carb ice. She found a "soft" spot in the trees and aimed for it. Just before impact, she made sure the airplane was not going to stall.

There was a brief discussion about the disposition of the wreckage.

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