



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date and Time: September 10, 2025

Person Contacted: Student Pilot; Larry McLeod @ [REDACTED] (Contacted NTSB IIC at 1001 EDT. Call lasted 6 minutes)

NTSB Accident Number: ERA25LA323

RE: Discussed the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Narrative:

Student pilot McLeod contacted the NTSB IIC (McCarter) and discussed the circumstances surrounding the accident. McLeod is a student pilot with about 25 to 30 hours of total flight experience.

This was his second solo flight. He was endorsed for solo by his instructor.

He was confident and a little nervous at the same time. The IIC (McCarter) told him not "to sweat it but learn from it. It happens." Many pilots have experienced a "fender bender." McLeod stated he was going to continue with his flight training.

As he (McLeod) was coming in for landing; this was his second flight around the pattern, he thought he was "right on" short final, it looked good.

During the flare for landing, the airplane landed on the runway and bounced. He wasn't quite sure how to recover from the bounces. It bounced several times, then settled onto the runway. He was able to taxi off the runway onto the taxiway but shut down because of controllability issues during taxi.

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