



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 10, 2015
Person Contacted: Mr. Kenneth Nelson (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA113

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Nelson in a telephone conversation.

- The accident occurred on 6/9/2015 at 1130 PDT.
- The airplane is a Grumman G-164A, N8372.
- Mr. Nelson is the pilot who was conducting an agricultural flight in the local area to the east of Bakersfield, CA. Mr. Nelson departed from a private dirt airstrip.
- Mr. Nelson reported that after he applied 12 agricultural loads in the area, a gust of wind threw the airplane's tail off track during the landing roll on the dirt airstrip. Mr. Nelson reported the he applied full rudder and brake to control the airplane but the airplane went into a ditch.
- Mr. Nelson reported that the wind shifted and a right quartering tailwind was present during the landing.
- Mr. Nelson reported that the airplane sustained damage to the nose and both wings.
- Mr. Nelson sustained no injuries.
- Mr. Nelson verified that there were no pre-impact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.