



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 6/23/2015
Person Contacted: Rex Ervin (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA132

Narrative:

The following conversation occurred over the telephone with the pilot in command of the accident flight. The below record is a summary of the conversation. The pilot stated that he has roughly 60 hours in this make and model. He reported that he had attended a fly-in event and wanted to return to his private farm strip before the wind picked up.

The pilot reported that the winds at Kingsley Tower were reporting a wind speed of 10 to 15 knots. He reported that his farm air strip has a runway configuration of a heading 32 -14 and is 2400 feet in length. The runway is sod/ grass.

The pilot stated that the wind sock appeared to be limp and slightly out of the southwest. He reported "very bumpy" unstable air closer to his destination. The pilot said that his approach was stable all the way down to the runway. He reported that during the landing roll, the airplane became hard to control and swerved to the left. The pilot stated that he corrected with right rudder and right brake, but the airplane continued into an accelerated ground loop. The pilot stated that the right wing impacted the runway hard during the ground loop.

The pilot reported that a sudden gust of tail wind may have impacted the airplane. The pilot observed a variable wind direction from the northwest to the southwest at the time of the accident. The pilot reported that there were no mechanical problems with the airplane.