



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 30, 2015
Person Contacted: Mr. Errol Spaulding (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15LA025

Narrative:

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

- The accident occurred on 3/27/2015 at 1000 MDT.
- The airplane was a Rans S-7 Courier, N4272M.
- Mr. Spaulding is the pilot who was conducting a flight from Rigby Airport (U56) to Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Airport (RKS). Mr. Spaulding had one passenger, Mr. Don Reed, on board at the time.
- Mr. Spaulding left U56 with a crosswind and stated that the plane acted funny. En-route, the plane used a lot of fuel, and it was noticed that the fuel quantity got low.
- A pre-cautionary landing was executed to a large dirt road. During the landing, the airplane acted a little funny.
- Getting reading to conduct a take-off from the dirt road, it was determined that a 40 mile per hour crosswind was present. Mr. Spaulding stated that the airplane was hard to control on takeoff and the airplane would go to the left or right really hard.
- Mr. Spaulding stated he was dazed after the accident, but he believes the landing gear broke on the take-off roll. He believes he chopped the power. The airplane departed to the left side of the dirt road.
- Mr. Spaulding states that he believes the front right wing spar is compromised due to the landing and he will be replacing it.
- Mr. Spaulding stated him and his passenger were dazed after the accident. Mr. Reed had a cut on his ear. Mr. Reed was air evacuated out to a local hospital for treatment. Mr. Spaulding states that Mr. Reed sustained internal bleeding in the brain. Mr. Reed was released from the hospital on the night of 3/30/2015.
- Mr. Spaulding believes there were previous cracks in the landing gear.