



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 1/30/2017
Person Contacted: James R. Ott Sr. (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA126

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the pilot in command:

- The pilot reported that his run-up was normal and he departed to the north, and subsequently the “radios went blank.” He said that he “recycled the radios, but they did not come back on.”
- During the takeoff and climb, he reported that his landing gear retracted normally.
- He then stated that he “put the gear down, but there were no [indication] lights.” He reported that he then “cycled the master switch.”
- He reported that he “made one pass” at the airport and did not see the lights come on.
- He reported that he circled to the east of the airport to trouble shoot the problem.
- He reported that this airplane had an “automatic gear extension” device.
- He reported that he extended full flaps and attempted a soft field landing. During the touchdown the landing gear collapsed and the airplane veered off to the left into soft dirt.
- The pilot reported that he must have experienced a “total electrical failure.”
- He reported that there was no recent maintenance on the airplane and there were no recent discrepancies for the electrical system. The annual was due at the end of the month.