



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA224

Narrative:

The following is an excerpt from an emailed statement from the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Safety Inspector assigned to the accident:

“I interviewed Mike Melau. He was taking tail wheel instruction with Mike Tamburrino. Upon landing, Mike Melau had control of the aircraft. On touch down, the aircraft wandered to the left and Mike Melau applied right brake to correct. Upon braking, he heard a tire blow at which point the flight instructor, Mike Tamburrino, took control. The aircraft began a right rotation ground loop into the grass, collapsing the left gear and striking the left wing tip and propeller into the ground. The aircraft sustained lower left and lower right firewall damage. The left outboard wing sustained damage to the forward wing spar. The left MLG [main landing gear] attaching structure was damaged.”