



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Peter Sword
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA445

Narrative:

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

- He attempted a wheel landing
- The tailwheel had been known to be troublesome
- The tailwheel locked sideways and the airplane veered off the left side of the runway
- He used right brake and applied flight control corrections
- The tailwheel then locked back the other way (right), causing the airplane to veer right
- He then applied power to go-around
- After becoming airborne, he leveled the wings and attempted another wheel landing.
- About 5 to 10 ft. above the ground the airplane abruptly sank, impacted the runway face and berm crest which sheared off the landing gear
- The propeller then struck the ground
- The tailwheel seemed to be mechanically okay when they opened it up.
- He had re designed the tailwheel and got the alterations documented and filed with the FAA.
- The wind also had picked up during his landing.

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