



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 9/14/2017
Person Contacted: Fred A. Sharretts (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA536

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

- He reported that the accident flight was his first flight in the airplane and it occurred on his property (PN91), on Sunday, 7/30/2017, 10:00AM local time.
- He reported that days prior he performed "a few taxi runs" and was inadvertently, and unknowingly, pushing the electric rudder trim button on the control stick to the left.
- He reported that after takeoff during his first "test flight," "all it [the airplane] wanted to do was go left."
- He reported that he attempted twice to land, and on the third attempt, the accident occurred. During each of the approaches, "the airplane just wanted to go left."
- He reported that on the final attempt to land, he tried to come in "real low" and once the airplane was over the runway, the airplane kept going left and impacted trees parallel to the runway.
- He reported that the "fuselage busted in two" and the "wings severed."
- He reported that during the 20 minute flight, the wind was calm.
- He did not report any malfunctions or failures with the airplane or engine.
- He reported he suffered minor injuries.