



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: February 27, 2019
Person Contacted: Marlene Shenk (Flight Instructor)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA151

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Ms. Shenk in a telephone conversation.

Marlene stated they had conducted a preflight and run-up of N83AF and everything appeared normal. They were cleared to takeoff on runway 31 for a normal take off. As they were taking off she looked over at the instruments and they all were in the green. The airplane started to veer slightly, but they corrected, the airplane then started going left. She then took the controls at that point, trying to abort the takeoff, pulling the power, applying brakes, and using rudder. However, they still continued left and went into the grass and collapsing the nose wheel.

ASI Gutierrez, asked to clarify about the seat, on the initial report it mentioned the seat was not correctly adjusted? Marlene, explained that the seat did have a squawk for the back rest, it was not adjustable. She had the student sit in the seat and determine if he could see over the cowlings and use the rudder pedals. He responded that he could, and it would not be an issue.

According to the flight instructor there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Total time: approx. 370

Make and Model: approx. 310