



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: August 7, 2019
Person Contacted: William J. Thrift (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA483

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Thrift in a telephone conversation.

On August 4, 2019 at about 1:00 pm local time, he was maneuvering to land at the Pilots Rest Airport (AZ57), in Paulden, Arizona. He experienced a loss of lift and decided to land on the road near the airport. Upon landing he lost control of the glider, veered to the right and impacted a utility box. He was landing to the west.

According to the pilot there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.

Total time: approx. 1500

Make and Model: approx. 6