



RECORD OF E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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Person Contacted: Aaron Southerland (FAA)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA596

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Southerland in an e-mail correspondence.

The pilot ground looped to the right after racing. There was a thermal (devil duster) over the first third of the landing runway which may have caused the airplane to float. Upon touchdown, the air circulation changed direction causing a sudden side load, which the pilot did not react to quickly enough.