



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: October 10, 2019
Person Contacted: Thomas R. Leblanc (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA20CA006

Narrative:

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

Mr. Leblanc stated that he had traveled to the David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport in Houston, Texas to pick up N7871U, a Cessna 172 and return to the Acadiana Regional Airport in New Iberia, Louisiana. He conducted a preflight inspection, run up and departed for the destination airport. He did contact ATC and obtain flight following through out the flight. While en route he encountered some weather and maneuvered to avoid. While near the town of Kaplan, Louisiana the engine went from operating normally to low power, then a complete loss of power. He attempted to correct, but the engine would not re-start. He then advised ATC and started looking for an off airport landing location. While descending, the airplane impacted a utility pole and landed in a field. He was then transported to a hospital by emergency medical services for medical attention.

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. 500

Make and Model: approx. 250