



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 5, 2016
Person Contacted: Mr. Robert Schuerman (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16LA048

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Schuerman in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The event occurred about 1715 PST on January 4, 2016
- The airplane was Cessna 180, registration number N20XY
- The pilot reported that Mr. Clyde Jones bought the airplane and they were flying it to Kentucky. The pilot occupied the left seat, while the owner occupied the right seat. The owner, a private pilot, was not on the controls.
- The airplane departed Porterville, California at 1405 PST. The pilot obtained a weather brief and filed an IFR flight plan to Santa Fe, New Mexico. As they were flying, the owner articulated that he was not comfortable flying at night, so the pilot diverted the airplane to Henderson Executive Airport, Henderson, Nevada.
- When he entered the downwind for runway 17L, the pilot performed GUMPS checks and rotated the fuel selector switch to the right tank which had more fuel. When the pilot entered the final, he "felt something was wrong". He could not articulate why he knew something was wrong, but he knew he was not developing any power. The propeller did not stop spinning and the engine did not backfire. There was no difference in the noise that the airplane was producing. He checked the prop set and the mixture set, magnetos, adjusted the throttle but did not have time to restart the engine.
- The pilot reported that prior to takeoff, he topped off both fuel tanks. The airplane was also equipped with the auxiliary fuel system giving it the extended range to 6 hours