



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: June 7, 2016
Person Contacted: Mr. David Hardwick (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16LA122

Narrative:

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

- The pilot reported he took off around 0930 on May 23, 2016. He climbed to about 400 feet AGL and began a right hand turn. While turning, he encountered 4 bumps as he described as air pockets and the engine stopped producing power. He also stated that during the turn, the seat shifted to the left.
- The pilot initiated an emergency landing to a nearby field. Upon landing, he heard the fuel pump which appeared to be running fast. He got out of his seat, but as soon as he stood up, the fuel pump slowed down. He then inspected the engine and the fuel lines and found no abnormalities. He took off again to return to the airport.
- He entered the traffic pattern and at about 200-250 feet AGL, the seat shifted to the left. Right after, the engine quit again. He made another emergency landing; however, the airplane impacted the terrain causing a substantial damage.