



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Debra Eckrote
Regional Chief
Western Pacific Region**

**Date: 2/12/2021
Person: Ron Gustafson
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16LA174**

Narrative:

Mr. Gustafson reported that he is the father of the passenger, Cody Gustafson, who was on board the airplane at the time of the accident. Cody is the registered owner.

Mr. Gustafson reported that Cody had just purchased the airplane. A pre-purchase inspection was accomplished at the time and everything looked good. The airplane was flown less than 5 hours and had 5-6 landings before the accident.

After the accident it was found that a weld joint to the landing gear truss was cracked and broken. Evidence of rust was noted around the weld area and it appeared that there had been a prior crack. Mr. Gustafson reported that the area of the failure was hidden behind the bungee and was not visible during the pre-purchase inspection.