



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: May 29, 2017
Person Contacted: Ms. Kaye Roberson
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA107

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Ms. Roberson she reported the following:

- The pilot purchased the glider from a gentleman in Canada. Once it was imported, they ran into certification issues and delays. In addition, there were several missing instruments within the instrument panel.
 - Over winter the glider was stored in its trailer at their house. The pilot regularly took the glider out to work on it with local, and more experienced, glider pilots.
 - One of these pilot's is a friend named Eric, who is very informative and greatly helped the pilot add things to his glider
- The pilot's first flight of both the year, and in the glider, occurred on May 7, 2017. The glider was towed out of Ephrata Municipal Airport (EPH) and it flew for about 2.5 hours. The pilot came back reporting that he found great lift.
 - The pilot had designated EPH as his home airport, because there are frequent tow pilots in the area.
 - The accident flight was the pilot's second flight in the glider
- On August 8, 2015, the pilot started his glider training at Deer Park Airport (DEW) in Deer Park, Washington. In 2016 he and his wife went to Sundance Aviation in Moriarty, New Mexico for 19 days. While there, the pilot flew almost every day and he completed his check ride.
- She estimated the pilot had about 52 flight hours, but she recalls it being more.
- She mentioned that prior to the accident glider, the pilot flew two seaters. His training was completed in the Lark, DG505M, Grob 103 and another type of Grob she does not recall.
- The accident glider was the first single seat glider he has flown

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