



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 2, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. Andrew D. Akin (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17LA195

Narrative:

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

NOTE: An attending nurse answered his phone. I explained to her who I was, and advised her that Mr. Akin had choice of whether he wanted to speak with me then, or at a subsequent time. Mr. Akin was opted to take the call.

- His first sentence to me was "Boy you guys don't waste any time, do you?"
- I made sure he knew who the NTSB was and what our mission is
- I verified that he was the pilot of N65EW
- I asked him if he could please recount a brief version of what happened
- He responded "I can tell you exactly what happened"
- He proceeded to state that he and his passenger were headed to Sulfur Creek [airport]
- He inadvertently turned up a "box canyon," and while trying to execute a course reversal turn, the airplane stalled and impacted the ground
- He stated that the passenger was his cousin
- He stated that he (the pilot) was picking up the airplane for the new owner, who lived in Georgia, and that he too lived in Georgia
- He refused to provide the name of the new owner; he stated that he hadn't advised the owner of the accident yet, and wanted to do so prior to providing his name to the NTSB
- He noted that the airplane was equipped with a "Lycon IO320" engine, and that the "Cylinder heads got real hot"
- [REDACTED]
- I obtained his contact information, advised him of NTSB TDA services, and terminated the conversation shortly thereafter, asking him to please contact me in a few days when he was better able to converse