



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 5, 2018
Person Contacted: "Jay" (The owner of Rotor F/X)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18FA249

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with "Jay" he reported the following:

- Recent flights
 - 2 Discovery flights on Monday (about 30 minutes long each)
 - Accident flight was the second flight of the day
 - 1 Discovery flight on Sunday
 - 1 Flight with a student which was 1.4 hours long on Saturday
- The pilots are not on the Rotor F/X payroll
 - Rotor F/X leases airplanes, and the student's rent the airplanes from them
 - The instructors are paid directly through the students
 - In the case of the discovery flights, the pilot gets paid from the person taking the flight.
- He mentioned he didn't really know the pilot well, he was a quiet guy and they did not cross paths regularly.
 - He mentioned that on his recent medical, the pilot's blood sugar was too high, so he lost a lot of weight before he was cleared for his medical.
 - The pilot never mentioned any ailments
 - He was an engineer who was published in several publications
 - He had been flying with Rotor F/X since 2011
 - He would preflight the airplane in his motorcycle helmet
- Rotor F/X does not do recurrence training with the pilots
- The pilot's last biannual flight review was on September 30, 2016
- His last flight instructor refresher was on September 18, 2016
- The pilot flew the accident airplane the most, he averaged about 6-8 discovery flights a week and he had his own students

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