



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: October 18, 2017
Person Contacted: Troy Decker (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA009

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Decker reported that he and his son were flying around and had the cabin heat on due to outside air temperatures. During the flight, they flew low to observe an object on the ground, about 200 to 250 feet above ground level. Mr. Decker stated he initiated a climb and as he added power, but the engine coughed. Aware of the weather conditions, he added carburetor heat, but the engine did not improve. Mr. Decker stated that he landed on the salt flat as a precautionary measure.

Mr. Decker further reported that once the airplane touched down the it flipped over onto it's back. Mr. Decker added that he mentioned the event to his mechanic and the mechanic said that if the cabin heat is on, the heat can heat up the brake master cylinders which heats the brake fluid and "activates" the brakes.