



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 29, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. John Matera, Sr (Owner/Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA040

Narrative:

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

- He was in cruise at 2,500' on a pleasure flight
- He was operating on the left fuel tank
- He had the electric fuel boost pump on
- He then switched the pump off
- About 5 minutes later, the engine rpm decreased to about 700 rpm
- He turned the fuel boost pump switch back on
- He also manipulated the throttle
- Both efforts were to no avail; neither restored engine power
- He then switched back to the left tank and began seeking an emergency landing site
- He selected a field, but as he drew closer, he saw two sets of powerlines
- He originally planned to overfly both sets of lines
- He overflew the first set successfully
- He recognized that he would not be able to overfly the second set, and maneuvered the airplane under them
- The right wing struck the powerline pole
- And the airplane came to rest in the field
- The pilot shut down the airplane/engine, and exited the airplane
- He sustained some minor cuts and some bruised ribs
- The airplane was recovered by Florida Air Recovery on this date