



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 15, 2019
Person Contacted: Josh Cawthra (pilot/witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA219

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Cawthra, he reported the following:

- The airplane was recently built by the pilot/owner and was based at Frontier Airpark (WN53).
- The airplane's first flight was conducted on July 20, 2019:
 - The flight was to Arlington Municipal Airport (AWO) to refuel, then return to WN53.
 - After refueling, the pilot experienced an unspecified electrical problem. He flew back to WN53, the airplane landed hard and exited the left side of the runway.
- On August 13, 2019, the airplane conducted multiple high-speed taxi tests on the runway. The engine sounded like it wasn't "running well at all."
- On August 14, 2019, the takeoff for the accident flight appeared normal, but black smoke was observed emitting from the engine exhaust.

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