



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 19, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Sean VanHatten
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA261

Narrative:

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

After finishing qualification laps, he pulled off the course for a cool down. As he prepared the airplane for landing, he attempted to lower the landing gear but the cockpit's left main gear indicator light indicated the gear was unsafe. The pilot attempted to troubleshoot the problem, however, the gear never lowered. During this troubleshooting, he also noticed that electrical bus 1 was no longer charging; shortly thereafter the airplane experienced an electrical failure. In addition, the engine lost complete power because the airplane was equipped with an electronic ignition system. The pilot conducted a belly landing onto the runway and a post landing fire ensued.

The pilot shared that the airplane was an experimental amateur-built heavily modified airplane. It was specifically built for air racing; therefore, it is the only one of its kind. He further mentioned that he and his team would look further into the airplane and contact me with additional information.

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