

Record of Telephone Call

Name: Mark H. Trulin
Address: Overall Aircraft Services
Scappoose, OR
Date: 9/24/2019, at 12:30 PM
Subject: N5277C BE-35 Accident

Following a phone call to the Portland-Hillsboro, OR FSDO, by Mark Trulin, [REDACTED] AP, Overall Aircraft Services, Scappoose Industrial Airpark (KSPB), OR, regarding an aircraft accident involving N5277C, BE-35, SN D-2671, I contacted him to follow up.

Mr. Trulin explained that he had been contacted by Aaron Michelsen (No pilot certificate), around 1530, 09/23/2019, at the Scappoose Airport, requesting a jump due to a dead battery. When Mr. Trulin arrived, Mr. Michelsen and a man who identified himself as "Amin," were at the airplane, N5277C. He said that he noticed fuel dribbling from an overflow drain. He asked Mr. Michelsen if the fuel dribbling and dead battery were because of priming the engine, which Mr. Michelsen acknowledged. Mr. Trulin said that the fuel had been dribbling for about five minutes after he arrived, which he thought was excessive. He offered to remove the battery and take it to his shop to charge it completely but Mr. Michelsen wanted to get the airplane started and take it up around the patch.

Mr. Trulin jumped the airplane battery and it started with "Amin" in the left seat and Mr. Michelsen in the right seat. He buckled up the cowling and left the area. When he was leaving work, he saw N5277C sitting near the entrance to the active runway, 15, west of Transwestern Aviation at around 1615. He estimated the the airplane had been idling for at least 30 minutes.

I thanked Mr. Trulin and gave him my office phone number if he had any additional information to share later.

Keith Ruconich [REDACTED]

Aviation Safety Inspector