



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: January 28, 2015
Person Contacted: Mr. Dirk Kanngiesser (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA267

Narrative:

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

- The pilot took off from Truckee (TRK) at 1850 PDT in route to E16. He crossed the first set of mountains at 10,000 ft then descend to 4,500ft. He approached the end of Central Valley and started climbing to cross the mountains (about 20 min before destination) when the engine made a “clong” sound and RPM momentarily dropped. The pilot switched fuel tanks, turned on the fuel pump and the carb heat (he did not have carb heat on during the flight as temp was above 70 degrees and the sky was clear (no clouds)). Fuel, oil pressure and temp were all in green. He lowered the power setting but then experienced a complete loss of engine power (not 100% sure if propeller completely stopped).
- NorCal gave the pilot vectors to Modesto airport, however, the pilot realized that he would not make it so he landed on the highway. During landing, the right wing caught on a light pole, the airplane turned upside down and impacted terrain. Post fire ensued