



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 11/21/2019
Person Contacted: Richard Smail (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA025

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Smail, he reported that prior to entering the airport traffic pattern, he listened to the airports automated weather observing system, noting the wind was from 340° at 9 knots. Mr. Smail said he entered the airport traffic pattern for runway 4, a 6,898 ft long and 75 ft wide asphalt runway. Following an uneventful 3-point landing in the tailwheel equipped airplane, he let the airplane roll out and decelerate without applying brakes. About 500 to 700 ft. after touchdown, the airplane veered to the left and despite his control inputs. Mr. Smail said the airplane then exited the left side of the runway and the right main landing gear separated, before it came to rest upright.