



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Paul N. Loewenstein (N18MA Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA040

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Paul N. Lowenstein in a telephone conversation.

During a flight toward Mt. Diablo, he had been thermalling to the South East of Mt Diablo between Livermore and Byron. He then followed lift under cumulus clouds towards Mt Diablo at about 5000 ft., well under the clouds. A few miles short of Mount Diablo he saw another glider traversing from right to left. He attempted to avoid the traversing glider by entering into a steep dive, but the gliders collided. After the collision, the glider entered into an accelerating inverted steep dive. He elected to bail out and parachuted to ground.