



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: Mar 30, 2021
Person Contacted: Pilot Kirk Waldfogel
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA145

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Kurt Waldfogel in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The personal (Part 91) flight was to return home the owner and his daughter from Tucson AZ to Santa Ana, CA. The pilot and his daughter were doing a campus tour of Univ of Arizona.
- During preflight the pilot added one quart of oil but everything else was normal. He fueled the airplane to the tabs plus 5 totaling 57 gallons.
- Runup was normal with no anomalies after conducting all checks per the checklist.
- They departed with a climb out to the West and leaning to 1400 degrees in the climb.
- About 10 minutes into the flight and after turning towards Gila Bend VOR the motor started “shuddering” and began shaking violently. With full power applied the pilot was not able to maintain altitude and turn towards Marana anticipating an emergency landing using the parachute system.
- While maintain 88 knots he was unable to make Marana but noticed a glider port nearby.
- Too high to activate the parachute he waited until he was 2,000 agl and pulled the activation lever three times with no effect.
- He then committed to a forced landing on a nearby narrow dirt road.
- While lined up to land he focused on making a soft field type landing and noticed the rutted and rough dirt road.
- He drifted to the to the left, clipped some tall brush and collapsing the left main gear. Unfortunately the plane spun to the left about 180 degrees before coming to a stop.
- Pilot reported that he shut down the plane while descending as it was obvious that the engine suffered catastrophic damage.
- No injuries, ELT did not activate
- Nothing follows