



## Record of Conversation

**Dan Baker**  
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**Western Pacific Region**

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**Date: 6/13/2022**  
**Subject: WPR22FA188, N5532R, Show Low, AZ**  
**Person Interviewed: Bob Pettit - Pilot and Passenger Supervisor**

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Mr. Pettit was the supervisor of Mr. Anthony Greco (pilot) and Mr. Derek Deutscher (passenger), who were fatally injured in an airplane accident on May 25, 2022. Mr. Pettit said he was a private pilot with about 300 flight hours and he had grown up around airplanes with his family.

Mr. Pettit said Mr. Greco and Mr. Deutscher had traveled to Show Low for work, but he was unaware they had flown in Mr. Greco's airplane until Mr. Deutscher called him the morning of May 25 and informed him they had arrived and that they had flown. He knew Mr. Greco had been training to obtain his private pilot rating but did not know he had completed the training prior to this day. Following the conversation with Mr. Deutscher, Mr. Pettit evaluated the weather at Show Low and was concerned with the forecast crosswind so he recommended they get a hotel room and depart the following day.

Mr. Pettit had flown with Mr. Greco and they often talked of aviation. Mr. Pettit said during one flight with Mr. Greco he (Mr. Pettit) was leaning the engine and Mr. Greco stated that he "never leaned the engine" and that he didn't need to lean the engine below 3000 feet. Mr. Greco indicated to him that he had little or no training on leaning the engine.

Mr. Pettit recalled that Mr. Greco had recently encountered a stuck valve on his airplane's engine and Mr. Greco was having trouble locating a mechanic to work on the airplane. They discussed how a valve could be unstuck by applying air into a lower spark plug hole and then tapping the valve. He did not know if Mr. Greco tried that procedure himself. He thought the issue with the stuck valve occurred between January 16, 2022, and February 27, 2022.