



RECORD OF CONVERSATIONS

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Date: September 30, 2012
Person Contacted: Donald Hockaday, Woodford, VA
NTSB Accident Number: ERA12FA583

Narrative:

Mr. Hockaday was interviewed in person, at the accident site. He owned the airplane and based it at EZF. Mr. Hockaday stated the he and the pilot had been longtime friends. The pilot was allowed to borrow the airplane whenever he wanted; however, the airplane was not flown much. Specifically, the accident pilot flew it for 2 hours during April, 2012, and the accident flight. No other flight hours were accrued in 2012 and the last annual inspection was completed in November 2011. No maintenance work was performed on the airplane in 2012.

Since the airplane did not fly much, Mr. Hockaday had a habit of running the engine on the ground whenever he visited the airport. On the day of the accident, he ran the engine briefly about 1330. The engine was started and run up to partial power to conduct a check of the magnetos, and no anomalies were noted. At that time, the airplane was low on fuel, but the pilot added 15 gallons of 100 low lead aviation fuel just before the accident takeoff.