



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Louis Adam Scott, Pilot

NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA131 – Lettsworth, Louisiana

Narrative:

Mr. Scott was the pilot at the time of the accident. He had purchased the airplane about 1-1/2 weeks before the accident flight. This was his first flight. He had no previous flight time, nor had he received any flight instruction. He had some familiarization with flying from the internet. He was not aware that a pilot certificate was required to fly the accident airplane.

Mr. Scott reported that he had planned only to taxi the airplane; however, a wind gust caused it to become airborne. He ultimately flew for about 25 minutes “to get the hang of things.” The wind seemed to pickup after he became airborne. He attempted to land several times but was unable because the turbulence would “grab” the airplane and “throw [it] around.” After the final landing attempt, he again decided to go-around due to the turbulence. He thought the airplane had cleared trees near the flight path; however, the airplane was momentarily overcome by the continuing turbulence which resulted in it striking a tree.

Mr. Scott stated there were no issues with the airplane; it was “performing flawlessly.”

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