



## **RECORD OF CONVERSATION**

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**Date: October 27, 2017**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. Steve Wilson**  
**NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA012**

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### **Narrative:**

Mr. Wilson, who is an avid Swift pilot and mechanic, met the accident pilot at a Swift airplane event in Texas in the days preceding the accident. According to Mr. Wilson, who spoke with the accident pilot, he was very anxious to fly with other pilots due to the lack of his recent Swift experience. For unknown reasons, the pilot was unable to fly in recent times, and he had flown very little in recent years.

According to other Swift pilots and owners who shared information to Mr. Wilson, the accident pilot ground looped the airplane at Mid Valley Airpark during landing the day before the accident. The ground loop damage was described as damage to one set of landing gear links, and a gear door. The links were welded, and other repairs or damage was unknown.

During the accident takeoff, the winds were across the runway about 15-20 knots, which produced about a 60 to 65-degree crosswind during takeoff. Several persons had spoken with the pilot during his hospital stay and the pilot stated he did not feel there were any mechanical issues during the takeoff.