



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: April 21, 2020
Person Contacted: Sarah S. Henderson (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA153

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Sarah S. Henderson in a telephone conversation.

On April 19, 2020, she was on a local flight in N855SH, a Lancair Super ES, at the Merritt Island Airport in Merritt Island, FL. While entering the downwind leg of the traffic pattern, an airplane announced they too were in the traffic pattern at the airport. She conducted a right 360 degree turn for spacing and reentered the downwind leg of the traffic pattern. While on the final approach to land, the airplane may have been a little fast, when the airplane touched down on the runway, the airplane porpoised and the nose gear sheered off. The nose of the airplane then struck the runway. She attempted to exit the runway but the airplane veered off the runway onto the adjacent grass.

According to the pilot there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.