



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 05, 2020
Person Contacted: Rob Pinksten, Chief Pilot, Collings Foundation
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20MA001

Narrative:

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Pinksten to discuss “Blowing out the mags” on the B-17. To summarize the conversation: Mr. Pinksten indicated that on humid mornings, or after it had rained it was sometimes necessary to blow out the mags on the engines. He indicated this was a fairly common issue with radial engines and all four of the B-17 engines required “blowing out” from time to time to get them started. He further indicated that Sea Magnetos did not require as much blowing out as opposed to regular magnetos.