

National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety – Central Region

Interview Summary: Peter Slaugh, Pilot N339KT – CEN20CA235

Date: June 19, 2020 Location: via Telephone Interviewer: Courtney Liedler, NTSB - Denver Interviewee: Peter Slaugh

During the Interview, Mr. Slaugh stated the following:

Mr. Slaugh stated he was on a cross country flight from Truckee, California to Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE). The first leg of the flight was from Truckee to Ely, Nevada; the second leg was from Ely to Moab, Utah; and the third leg was from Moab to EGE. During landing at EGE, the wind gusts "launched" the airplane multiple times into the air and the airplane "just kept flying." Each time, he would try to get the airplane down onto the runway. After he landed, the airplane weather-vained and made a "hard" ground loop. The right wingtip "dipped down" onto the runway and the right wheel collapsed.

He said the wind gusts were challenging and made the landing more difficult. He did not recall flying in gusty wind conditions in the 20kt range any time prior. He stated he was a low-time pilot and it was a new airplane to him. He had just taken delivery of the airplane in March 2020. The only tailwheel experience he had was a course he took in the accident airplane's make and model. He received his pilot's license in April 2020; and his training was completed in a Cessna 172. He had flown in a Cessna 182, as well.