



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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**Date: 1/10/19
Person: Sherman McPherson
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA058**

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation Mr. MacPherson reported that he is a part owner of Sacramento River Aviation and FBO based at the Colusa Airport. He reported that the pilot flies into the airport with the dog about 2 times a week during duck hunting season and that he keeps a truck parked at the airport. He said there are 2 duck clubs; Live Oak Duck Club and White Mallard.

On the morning of the accident he saw the pilot, passenger and dog as they pulled into the airport. They unloaded the pickup. He did not talk with the pilot as it was normal seeing him. The airplane was started, and he saw them taxi out to runway 13 about 1030 – 1045. He heard a couple of calls from them on the UNICOM frequency and that they were taking off.

Mr. MacPherson said that the weather at the time was a ceiling of about 500 ft and visibility was about 1 mile.

About 30 minutes after the airplane took off, he got a call from Oakland Center inquiring about the airplane and he was asked to drive around to see if he could locate the airplane. The pilot had filed a flight plan, but Oakland Center never heard from the pilot. The wreckage was located a short time later about 2 miles south of the airport.

Mr. MacPherson said that the airplane had flown in on Friday and had been on the ramp all weekend and that he believed that there had been a birthday party for the pilot at the Duck Club.

Sacramento River Aviation did not provide any maintenance for the airplane nor did the pilot take on any fuel as the airport only has 100LL available.

When he was out at the accident site, he did observe an engine logbook floating in the water. He did not try to retrieve it. Debris was scattered several hundred feet leading up to the water pond. He also reported a lot of birds flying in the area.