



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: November 5, 2021
Where: Blair Ag Service
Person Contacted: Roger Hewett (Pilot/Owner of a Marchetti SM-1019)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21FA283

I interviewed Mr. Hewett at his place of business, a private airstrip near Lemoore, California, where he also stores his SIAI-Marchetti 1019 airplane. He stated to me that a few years ago he and a friend of his decided to conduct a local flight in his Marchetti from the airstrip. The passenger was seated in the rear seat of the airplane, and he remembers having a discussion with him during the taxi operations to the runway and during the preparation for departure. Mr. Hewett stated that during the rotation of the airplane from the runway, he noticed that the flight control lock was still installed on the control stick. He stated that this was a result of him being distracted from the discussion he was having with the passenger and forgot to perform his before-departure checklist. Part of that checklist would be disconnecting the flight control lock from the forward control stick's locking arm and pin assembly and securing it to the floor with a retaining clip. He said that he had to struggle to disconnect the flight control lock due to the forces on the stick during the departure. After about 2 seconds he was able to free the flight control lock and continue the flight.



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