



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date and Time: August 31, 2022 @ 1030
Person Contacted: James Albertson; Mechanic and Property Owner
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA389

RE: Discussed the circumstances surrounding the accident

Narrative:

He (Albertson) owns the airport and surrounding property, and the airplane was based at his airport because he just performed a field overhaul on the engine.

The airplane was operating flawlessly during the runup and test flights. The engine had about 5 hours total time on it. He had been testing it for several hours and performing runups with no issues or mechanical irregularities noted.

The pilot performed 4 or 5 flights around the airport traffic pattern with no issues at all. Jerrycan container gas was used to fill the airplane up between the flights. There were 3 containers that the pilot purchased from another airport, and he brought the gas "here."

He will assist the FAA if asked to. The airplane engine are located on the airport boundary in the woods. The fire consumed the entire middle section and melted the airframe which caused the engine to fall to the ground. The tail is still stuck up in the trees.

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