



INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Interview Date: June 11, 2020
Person Contacted: John Echlin, [REDACTED]
Accident Number: WPR20LA176

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation Mr. Echlin stated the following:

- He is the son of the pilot.
- The pilot has extensive flying experience as a Captain in the US Navy, with about 7,000 hours of total flight experience.
- The pilot purchased the airplane already built and flies it typically once a week. He planned to fly to every airport in Arizona and had almost reached that goal.
- He was a very well prepared pilot, and always performed a rigorous preflight, typically lasting about 20 minutes.
- Safford was a favorite landing spot, accessible through a series of mountain passes.
- Mr. Echlin was not aware of his father having any medical concerns, and he typically exercised by walking 5 miles per day.