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Contact: [REDACTED] Pilot

At the accident site I spoke with the pilot, and he said that just prior to the accident flight he had completed an hour-long flight with a mechanic/pilot who installed an engine monitoring instrument in the airplane. He said the pilot/mechanic sat in the front seat for this maintenance flight to calibrate the newly installed gauge. He said the pilot/mechanic prefers to fly with the fuel valve in either the LEFT or RIGHT tank rather than BOTH. The accident pilot said he prefers to fly with the fuel valve on BOTH tanks. The pilot said he moved the fuel valve to what he thought was to BOTH; however, the fuel valve was in the OFF position during takeoff. He said he thought the large end of the fuel selector valve pointed to the position of the fuel valve.