



Memo for Record

Date: May 30, 2017
Person Contacted: FAA Inspector Paul Marks
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA157

Narrative:

The FAA Inspector reported the following, after his exam of the accident airplane:

- Pilot departed New Orleans (KNEW) with a flight to Minden, KMHE, when the airplane engine lost power. The switched from the right to left side fuel tanks and applied the boost pump. The engine did not respond so he conducted a forced landing.
- The airplane landed about quarter mile, northwest of MHE's runway 19, where the left wing impacted a tree.
- At the accident site, he observed about 3 inches of fuel in the right tank, and about 1 ½ inches in the left fuel tank.
- During recovery of the airplane, the salvage crew recovered about 5 gallons of fuel from each wing.
- After recovery, a mechanic connected a fuel supply to the airplane's right-side fuel tank. The boost pump was activated, the engine was started, and run; No discrepancies were documented.
- The airplane's annual inspection was had expired about 2 months earlier.