

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: 18 May 2017

Time: 1200 central daylight time

Conversation Including: Jeffrey K Blue; Pilot

Conversation Regarding: CEN17LA186, N3976K

Duration of Call: 20 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

Mr. Blue reported that he had flown from Robert S. Kerr Airport (RKR), Poteau, Oklahoma, to Davis Field Airport (MKO), Muskogee, Oklahoma, earlier in the day. Mr. Blue stated that before departing RKR he observed the fuel level was below the filler tab in each wing tank, and estimated that each wing fuel tank contained 10 to 12 gallons of fuel. He recalled that the cross-country flight from RKR to MKO was uneventful and that he switched fuel tanks (from right to left) about halfway through the 45 minute flight. After landing at MKO, Mr. Blue met a friend and two of her children, to whom he provided two short flights. The first flight was about 10 minutes and remained in the airport traffic pattern. The second flight was over the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mr. Blue reported that about 20 minutes into the second flight, the airplane experienced a partial loss of engine power at 3,000 ft mean sea level over downtown Muskogee. Mr. Blue stated that he applied carburetor heat, switched fuel tanks (from left to right), activated the electric fuel pump, and verified magneto operation; however, despite his corrective actions, the engine continued to operate at 500 rpm. He chose to make a forced landing on the southbound lanes of US Highway 64. Mr. Blue reported that shortly before the landing flare, the left wing struck a road sign and the airplane swerved left into the grass median. The nose landing gear fork then separated from the strut and the airplane came to rest in a nose-down attitude.

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I can attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day, and is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: _ Andrew Todd Fox _

Dated: _ 18 May 2017 _

Andrew Todd Fox
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