



RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

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NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA151

The pilot provided the following information and perspectives:

- He was flying a training flight from Cullman Regional Airport, Cullman, Alabama to Northeast Alabama Regional Airport, Gadsden, Alabama.
- After climbing to 3,500 ft above sea level (about 2,500 ft above ground level), he pulled the mixture control toward a lean position for cruise flight and the engine lost power.
- He pushed the mixture control to a full rich position and attempted unsuccessfully to restart the engine. Without an easily accessible engine restart checklist to reference, he relied on memory to accomplish engine restart actions.
- He thought the throttle probably remained at a cruise power setting, and the propeller continued to windmill during the engine restart attempt.
- After one attempt to restart the engine, he focused on maintaining a proper glide speed and searched for a forced landing area.
- Reaching about 1,000 above ground level, he focused on the forced landing area and did not attempt another restart attempt.
- Given more time, he thought he could have restarted the engine.
- Upon reflection, he would have chosen a higher cruise altitude, as time and altitude seemed to pass very quickly.
- He also wished he would have had an emergency checklist for engine restart that was readily available.