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On August 22, 2018, while enroute from KORK to KPBF, I experienced a partial power loss about 10 miles south of KLIT. Initially, the power dropped to approximately idle. I contacted Little Rock Approach for assistance and reported the issue. I asked for the location of the nearest airport which they advised of a small grass strip nearby or KLIT as the nearest paved strip.

I decided to divert to KLIT and during this time, I ran emergency checklists. I changed fuel tanks, turned on the auxiliary fuel pump, and checked all gauges. These actions made no difference. An aircraft circling overhead assisted with the completion of engine failure checklists.

I was at approximately 1500 feet msl when the engine quit completely. I continued with the checklists and attempted to restart the aircraft to no avail. During this time I was looking for a suitable landing place. I also notified Little Rock Approach of the total engine failure and the planned off airport landing. I was over a mostly forested area, when I saw a small green space and turned the aircraft toward it.

On short final, I had my passenger open the door while I shut off the master switch. I clipped a tree and came to rest in the field. We immediately exited the aircraft in case of a post crash fire and I call 911.

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