



## The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety  
Central Region  
Memorandum for the Record  
Pilot Telephone Conversation  
CEN19LA101  
Granite Shoals Texas  
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The pilot reported on a telephone conversation that the purpose of the flight was to reposition the aircraft to San Marcos, Texas, to conduct an annual inspection. The pilot recalled that he last refueled the airplane in October of 2018 with about 8 gallons, about 5 months prior to the accident flight.

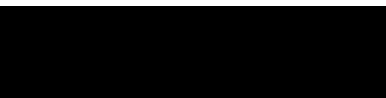
He also stated that he had two small children on board, seated in the right front seat.

The pilot stated that he started a right turn after takeoff, and about 600 ft above the ground, the engine sputtered and lost power. The pilot then attempted to turn back to the airport but realized that he was too low. He then executed a forced landing to a field, vegetated with small trees. Upon landing, the left wing struck a small mesquite tree and spun 180-degrees, resulting in structural damage to the left wing. The pilot and two children passengers (6 and 4 years old) exited the airplane. The airplane was not equipped with child safety seating.

After the accident, the pilot reported that he discovered more sediment remaining in the left tank. The pilot reported on the NTSB Form 6120 that he believes that the low fuel state and sediment in left tank may have starved the engine during first turn when gravity pulled from left tank, and that more fuel on board would have probably been helpful.

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