

Pilot Statement

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Zenith Aircraft CH750 STOL - N170MV

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On the morning of June 29th, 2019, I Steven B Thompson decided to fly my Zenith 750 N170MV over the construction of my future grass runway located at [REDACTED] Wadesboro Road Paducah, KY 42003.

I own approximately 50 acres at the said location. The aircraft was hangered at Mayfield Graves County Airport, approx. 10 Miles south of my property.

Once I arrived at Mayfield Airport or (M25) I begin preflight inspection which includes but is not limited to physically checking all fluids (oil & gas). I dipped both wings with a calibration instrument prior to starting the aircraft. I knew both wings had calibration problems that I did not know about until I brought the airplane home from California by trailer. When I checked the amount of gas in each wing on the morning of June 29th, 2019 it had approx. 11 gallons in the left wing and 9 gallons in the right wing.

I finished up my pre-flight inspection and took off from M25 for a brief joy ride and next headed towards my runway that is currently under construction. I dropped down from approx. 3500+ feet to about 1200 AGL over the current construction area of my future runway. At that time the engine quit running. I tried to restart it immediately. The engine would not restart. At that time, using my knowledge about the Zenith 750 I nosed it down to build up some speed to take the place of the engine not running. However, I did not reach a clear & smooth area of my runway to successfully land the aircraft. The aircraft hit the ground hard and flipped over. I was hurt but was able to get out an alert the next-door neighbor for help.

Sincerely,

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Steven B Thompson