



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Pilot Statement Summary
CEN20LA170
Hallettsville, Texas
April 30, 2020

The pilot provided the following information to the NTSB IIC via a telephone conversation.

- Departed Uvalde, Texas (UVA) about 1330. Topped off fuel at UVA prior to departure. Intended destination was Eagle Lake, Texas (ELA).
- Fight was normal until about 7 miles from Hallettsville Airport (34R).
- Engine began to rattle and vibrate. The engine lost power but was still running. RPMs dropped to 1,000. Started to fly to 34R but realized that I was losing altitude too fast and would not make the airport.
- Selected a field for an emergency landing. Lost more altitude than anticipated while turning toward the field. Cleared high tension electric lines, but not did not have enough airspeed to make my target field.
- The airplane impacted the ground hard. The airplane rolled a short distance and the nose wheel collapsed. The airplane stopped abruptly. The engine stopped running when the propeller contacted the ground.
- Exited the airplane uninjured.

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