



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Mode: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: October 5, 2020
Person Contacted: Richard Andro
NTSB Accident Number: ANC20LA004

Narrative:

On October 2, 2020, about 1512 central daylight time (CDT), a Piper PA-46-500TP, N62ZM, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The airline transport pilot and sole passenger sustained serious injuries.

Mr. Andro stated that he had just purchased the airplane and flown it to Lake Elmo. Prior to the accident flight, he noted some fuel on the ground near the front wheel on the left side, which was explained to him as being caused by the EPA can being full. He stated that he drained about a cup of fuel from it and threw it out. He attempted to start the engine, but it would not start. He then noticed that he had skipped the checklist items to turn on the fuel pump or ignition.

After the airplane sat for about 3 hours, he attempted the engine start again and it started normally. After taking off with 10° of flaps and retracting the landing gear and flaps, the airplane experienced a "hiccup" in power. He started a turn back to the airport and lost all engine power. Due to the low altitude, he was unable to attempt any checklist items and just found a place to land.

After the accident, he pulled back the condition lever during the egress from the airplane.

END OF INTERVIEW