

April 1st, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Today, Thursday April 1st, 2021 I was in an accident with Charles Frisch in the Cherokee Airplane 7274F. Time of the accident occurred around 4 p.m. central time. I was left seat on PIC of this final leg of a two airport trip. Started in Augusta to Blackwell which is a 57nm trip each way. We started the trip with a full tank of gas and Charles had PIC on the way there, I had it on the way back.

~~4.5~~ 3.5 miles from the airport we passed the final approach fix for the VOR/DME-A approach which is Wandy. Already briefed the approach with Charles 10 minutes before so he was aware of our plans to land. Altitude was 3,000 when we crossed Wandy at a speed of ^{Indicated} 80 Kts. I pulled the throttle back to reduce power to 1700 rpm, and then pushed in throttle to add a touch of power to 1800 rpm. That's when I noticed no sound from the engine revving up. I then added some more throttle, no sound no feeling of the engine going faster. Finally, I put full throttle, and still nothing. I let Charles know there is something wrong with the engine, and rpm's. He immediately took to the throttle and tried back and forth - nothing, no rpm's and no sounds. We both knew, this is a real emergency.

First thing I did was set plane up for best glide - 70 Knots, while Charles was trying to restart the engine - unsuccessfully twice. After this amount of time, we were at around 2000 ft ~~MSL~~ MSL, with about less than 700 feet to go. I had already found and planned a landing field straight in front of me. ~~to~~ The plane was descending rapidly and we landed short of our field. Dialed 121.50 on the radio, but didn't have time to communicate, landed the plane, and went into shut down mode, electric off (Master), Ignition off, gas pump would not move to off. After coming to a stop, both Charles and I got out safely.