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Subject: Pilot Interview

In addition to the NTSB accident report narrative, the pilot provided the following perspectives about the accident flight:

- He reported the airplane's weight during the takeoff was about 300 lbs. less than the maximum gross weight.
- About 20 gallons of fuel was added after arrival to FNL on the day prior to the accident.
- He performed an engine runup after turning the airplane perpendicular to Runway 16.
- He recalled pulling the carburetor heat lever out "for a few seconds" during the engine runup. During this timeframe, the engine speed dropped about 100 rpm and the engine ran "a little rough".
- The mixture lever was toward the lean position "about a finger width" for takeoff.
- The pilot didn't observe any unusual wind shift or weather activity during the takeoff.
- Following the accident, the pilot stated that he should have aborted the takeoff due to the airplane's slower than normal acceleration.