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Date: September 15, 2022
Subject: CEN22LA403 - Houghton Lake, Michigan
Contact: Jason White - Pilot

Mr. White reported that the accident occurred during the return flight of a two-leg cross-country flight after stopping for lunch in Traverse City. The airplane was fully fueled before the return flight. After takeoff from Cherry Capital Airport (TVC), he climbed to 9,000 ft msl and proceeded direct to the intended destination of Oakland County International Airport (PTK) under visual flight rules.

Midway through the flight, the engine began "sputtering for a quick second" and subsequently lost power. His attempts to restore engine power, which included adjusting the mixture, were not successful. He added that the propeller continued to windmill.

The accident occurred during the fourth flight after the annual inspection. The engine had accumulated about 1,200 hrs since overhaul.

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