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Contact: George Madelen, Pilot

Georgen Medelan reported in telephone conversations with the NTSB IIC, that The pilot stated that the airplane had not been flown since May 2022 due to aviation fuel prices. The pilot stated that he departed from the Johnson County Executive Airport (OJC), Olathe, Kansas, and flew about 10 miles east, then flew south, and practiced steep turns, while enroute to the Miami County Airport (K81), Paola, Kansas. He planned on performing a touch-and-go landing on runway 30. He stated that during the downwind leg for landing, he switched the fuel selector to the left main wing fuel tank. He said that he touched down "pretty abruptly," and the touchdown was probably outside the first 1/3 down runway 3. He said that the airplane lifted off the runway about 2/3 down runway 3.

George Medelan stated the aural stall warning was inoperative prior to the accident flight, but the stall warning light was functional. The stall warning system was going to be checked during the next annual inspection since it did not function when he practiced aerodynamic stalls in May 2022.