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Subject: Re: N8137P (Beech A36 Airplane @ Harrison, AR) - Accident Update
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That is correct. We had just topped of the plane at KCMH SOMHAD 72 gallons on board. Burning just over 15 gallons per hour we should have still had 50+ gallons of fuel on the plane still. I had switched tanks when we first hit ADOKE for RNAV 18. I then cancelled IFR as we had really good visualization of the airport. Scanning instruments and running my GUMPSS several times on our approach we did not show any signs of issues. Suddenly on short final my engine stopped. All electronics were still operating perfectly. I attempted one time to restart engine, including switching tanks and but nothing happened. We were already so low having been following the glide scope that we had to find a place to try and put the plane down and miss trees. Fortunately, both my wife, Brittany, and I are okay, but the plane immediately started on fire.

Please let me know anything else you need.

Justin Cutler, DO

On Dec 19, 2022, at 6:52 PM, Hodges Michael <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Dr. Cutler,

I am the duty officer with the NTSB Central Region.

I am sorry to hear what happened to your airplane earlier today in Harrison, AR, but I am glad to hear that you and your passenger are okay and were not injured.

I understand that you and your passengers' cellular phones were consumed in the wreckage. I was told by the FAA ROC that you might be able to communicate over email this evening instead.

Being that the wreckage was consumed by the fire, this event is classified as an accident.

The FAA Little Rock FSDO is planning on heading out tomorrow morning to document the accident site. I did notify Dawson Aircraft in Clinton, AR, about this accident and they are currently checking with the various insurance adjusters regarding recovery.

I did want to ask please – I understand this was basically a loss of engine power sequence for undetermined reasons (i.e., the airplane didn't run out of fuel or something else obvious like that)?

Thank you for your time and have a good evening.

Mike

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