

Yesterday during lunch I went to the hanger
~~I began my flight this morning. I arrived~~
to check fuel level ~~is~~ and oil in airplane.
I add 1 quart of oil & determined the fuel
to be sufficient for today's flight.

This morning I arrived @ ADS hanger about
5am, preflighted airplane & departed BRR to
KFWS to pick up 1 pax. I did 3 touch-n-goes
@ KFWS prior to shutting down & picking up
passenger.

We departed around 630-645 &
had a mostly uneventful flight. After
passing over KMAF with a plan to land
@ ODO the engine started to run rough.
I adjusted the ~~air~~ mixture & throttle, but
it did not significantly improve. I believed
KMAF was closer than KODO so I turned
180° & switched back to MAF approach
to ~~decide~~ declare an emergency. Soon after
the engine quit & I did not have enough
altitude to reach the airport. I secured
the best landing site & prepared for off-airport
landing. The landing was bumpy but there
were no injuries or significant damage to airplane.
I secured the airplane & evacuated w/ passenger.

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