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Subject: CEN24LA144

Contact: Bob Burke

The NTSB investigator-in-charge spoke with Bob Burke on the telephone. Bob is the owner of BMG Jet Center in Bloomington, Indiana. BMG Jet Center has performed maintenance work on N8438B (Piper PA-28-236 airplane) in the past. BMG Jet Center is located at the Monroe County Airport (BMG), Bloomington, Indiana.

On Saturday, 03/30/2024, Craig Richards (the airplane owner and the accident pilot), flew the airplane for about 15-20 minutes. The airplane was at the BMG Jet Center as it had some engine maintenance work previously performed on it. Craig seemed to have a hard time understanding how the Garmin GTN 750 system and the JPI EDM-700 system worked, along with interpreting the information displayed for the two systems. There were no issues with the Garmin GTN 750 system and the JPI EDM-700 system.

When the accident occurred on Monday, 04/01/2024, Craig was flying to the Muncie Delaware County Airport (MIE), Muncie, Indiana, to have a pitot static check performed on the airplane.

Nothing Follows