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**Subject:** CEN24LA147

**Contact:** John Cox - Pilot

On April 4, 2024, Investigators spoke with the pilot of N8946, John Cox. During the phone conversation he stated that he was conducting a night cross country under visual flight rules. He was flying from Brownwood Regional Airport (BWD) Brownwood, Texas to Granbury Regional Airport (GDJ) Granbury, Texas. He stated that while during cruise flight, flames began to develop from the engine oil access door on the upper right side of the engine cowling. Mr. Cox stated that he secured the engine by shutting off fuel to the engine and began an emergency descent and landed in a field. He exited the airplane and the airplane continued to burn.