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Subject: CEN24LA313

Contact: Jason Bennett, pilot N6569

During the course of the investigation, the pilot reported that N6569 was being operated under Civil Aviation Manual 8, which allowed for the adjustment of the airplane's maximum gross weight from 4,500 lbs. to 6,075 lbs.

Running a calculation, the pilot listed the airplane's gross weight at 5,731.35 and a moment of 775,880.

He said that the airplane had a similar loss of engine power about a week prior to the accident. In that event, he was able to jettison the hopper load and continue flight. He thought that the engine's blower (supercharger) might have malfunctioned.

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