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Subject: CEN24LA376

Contact: Aaron Casper, Pilot

Mr. Casper, the pilot of N2032M, stated that he departed East Gull Lake Airport, 9Y2, around 1300 local time. The intended destination was Flying Cloud Airport, KFCM. He stated that he took off on the right main fuel tank and once reaching cruising altitude he switched from the right main fuel tank to the right wing tip fuel tank. About 25 miles northeast of Saint Cloud he felt the airplane lurch back and forth and the engine began to run rough. Mr. Casper stated that he turned the fuel pump on, but did not switch the fuel selector. He increased the mixture to full rich and made several changes with the propeller and throttle lever positions, but no changes in power was observed. Mr. Casper stated that he declared an emergency with Saint Cloud Regional Airport tower, and executed a forced landing on Highway 27, 10 miles east of Little Falls. To avoid collision with on coming motor vehicle traffic he elected to exit left of the road into the ditch.

Mr. Casper stated that he believed there was more fuel in the right wing tip fuel tank at the time of the accident. He stated that he ran the right tip tank dry and did not switch fuel tanks during the initial loss of engine power.