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Subject: CEN25LA009

Contact: Pilot - B. Moberley

According to the pilot, he remained in the hospital recovering from his injuries and hoped to be released to home in the near future. The pilot stated that the NTSB preliminary report was incorrect as it related to him performing a 180° turn following the engine power rolling back to idle. Due to a rail car in front of him, he performed a right turn to avoid the rail car, and the airplane impacted terrain. The pilot stated he was a flight instructor and understands the hazards associated with performing a 180° turn at low altitude following a loss of power.

The accident flight was the 1st flight after the pilot performed some maintenance on the airplane and engine. Part of the maintenance included overhauling the carburetor and replacing the fuel lines. After the maintenance, the pilot performed a couple ground engine runs (to full engine power) and ground taxi test operations. No anomalies were noted during the pilot's ground engine and taxi test operations.

The pilot stated he was going to complete the NTSB accident report and provide a statement of the accident circumstances.