



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety - Eastern Region

NTSB Accident Number: ERA15CA057
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N6004S; Cessna 172T
Accident Location: St. Petersburg, Florida
Accident Date: November 20, 2014

Note: The following interview was completed by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC).

Interview Summary

Gilbert Fortune
Accident Pilot

Interview date/time: December 3, 2014; 1000 EST
Telephone

Interviewer was Stein.

Mr. Fortune stated that each week he flies N6004S to maintain proficiency in the airplane. On the day of the accident he had planned to fly to the beach on a local flight to complete some training exercises. The pilot towed the airplane outside his hangar and parked it with the nose pointed towards a set of opposing hangars about 50 feet away. The pilot's normal engine startup practice is to prime the engine with the throttle in the full open position. Once completed, he retards the throttle to the one quarter open position before starting the engine. Mr. Fortune stated that, in this event, he forgot to retard the throttle to the engine start position.