



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator Name
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: July 27, 2015
Person Contacted: Bill Krause (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA282

Narrative:

Packed bags for a three week trip.

Ultimately heading up to a small private strip in Springfield, Vermont after stopping in Sullivan County, New York first.

Filled up the airplane including the auxiliary tank located aft of the rear seat. It was the first time he had topped off the aux tank and flown with it. He's been flying around with 10 gallons in it and felt the effect would be negligible. "No worse than having an extra person in the back."

The weight and balance was fine. "All was in envelope." He stated the center of gravity was ok.

Taxi and run-up were ok. The take-off roll sounded normal.

Normally, the Navion lift off on its own; "It floats up." And this takeoff appeared the same.

He rotated at 65 mph and took off, but the airspeed and altitude did not increase. He struggled to keep it up and briefly lowered the nose in order to build up the airspeed to 70 mph. 85 is normal for climb out.

He did not feel the airplane settle back onto the runway. It appeared to be flying the whole way down the runway at a constant altitude.

He did not recall any excessive pitch up or unusual attitudes.

He noticed the trees and tried to go between them.