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Departed Upperville, Va.(2VG2) 10/23/2015 at 1520 local time for BLM,NJ. Climbing to 7500ft, approx 5 min later & 3000ft called Potomic ATC for flt following. They where busy but was able to establish contact. By this time I was approx. 4500ft power started to drop and oil pressure went to zero and engine vibrated violently and seized up. Called in emergency with ATC and asked for nearest airport which was 2VG2. They gave me heading, but was to far to make airport. Established best glide and landed in flat field in Bluemont, Va. Lots of vehicles arrived, police, Ist aid, fire trucks, FAA, etc. I must say, everyone was helpful. My friend and I where not even scratched. Lucky! Damaged aircraft and some wooden fencing.


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Robert M Egelhoff Jr. Pilot
10/26/2015

Dear Mr. Morrison-

We departed Upperville in a normal manner. Pre takeoff check included checking the engine oil - a quart was added. Shortly after takeoff as we were climbing out of the Bravo the engine sound became very loud with obvious serious knocking. Bob (the pilot) said that the oil pressure had gone to zero. He reported an emergency to air traffic control and asked for the nearest field. The engine seized. Air traffic said that the nearest field was Upperville and that we were 8 miles away. We were still fairly low (I am not sure but the last report I remember before the engine trouble was Bob telling air traffic that we were climbing through 2500 for 4500) and Bob asked for the heading to Upperville. As we turned he reported that we were losing altitude too fast to reach Upperville and that we were going down near our location. He picked a field with a long driveway to land but we did not quite make it. He cleared power lines at the end of the field and then stalled the plane, we came down and slid across the field and through two fences ending up near the driveway we were trying to reach. Bob checked the oil after we got out of the plane and found the level full. Shortly after that emergency responders arrived in numbers and took over. I hope this helps and is what you are looking for.

Yours,

Bill

William Robertson

