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Arrived in Rockwood where the plane was tied down for the night. Got everything together & loaded into the plane - did a pre-trip as I entered the plane. Checked all controls, sumped fuel, checked fuel quantity, checked engine oil (added 1 quart). Fuel level was about 20 gallons in each tank. After doing exterior inspection I double checked interior - Flaps - oilco - radio - gauges - etc. Started & warmed engine up for about 5 minutes. Taxied out to runway - double checked weather before run-up. Did my run-up? check all gauges - mag - barometer - oil - vacuum - etc. Set field elevation according to weather report. Received ATIS coordination. Left Rockwood off runway 4 and headed to BYL. Flyover. About 20 min in I had a moment out plane, double checked all gauges - was on course for landing. Engine RPM was 2900. Engine started to sputter. Double checked fuel mixture, fuel level - gauges - I was approx 3700 ft at this time. Power level (RPM) dropped to 1000. I could not get engine to recover nor bring rpm back up. Started looking for a place to land the plane. Only place I saw that had a level area in reach was a 4 Lane Highway. Pitched for best landing and proceeded to land plane. Little rough on the landing (bounced a little) and was trying to slow down to avoid traffic when I clipped the trees alongside the road.

Nothing follows

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