



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Roman Oppermann– Student pilot
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Narrative:

Mr. Roman Oppermann was interviewed by telephone.

They had an uneventful flight from St. Augustine to Palatka airport. After landing on the runway and during roll-out, the engine quit. They stopped on the runway and he heard the CFI make radio calls to other pilots in the area that they were stuck on the runway. Mr. Opperman stated that the engine primer was inoperative and he would “pump” the throttle to get more fuel in the engine for starting purposes. He said he tried to restart the engine with the electric fuel pump on and mixture control in the full forward position, while he pumped the throttle back and forth. The engine did not start. He stated he felt like the engine had too much fuel in the engine so he shut off the electric fuel pump and the mixture cut off to off. He tried to restart the engine but it did not start and he said the engine needed more fuel so he pushed the mixture full forward again and while cranking the engine, he would pump the throttle back and forth. This time he saw smoke coming from the engine and told the CFI they had smoke, she told everyone to egress out quickly.