



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: December 28, 2016
Person Contacted: David Riggs
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA075

Narrative:

During a conversation with the pilot, David Riggs, he stated he and a passenger departed on the local flight and planned to fly over a relative's house. He stated that they departed with 11 gallons of fuel and during the flight noted that there was a little more fuel in the right tank than the left tank. The pilot changed the fuel selector position from "BOTH" to the "RIGHT" tank.

The pilot flew over his relative's house and performed a series of steep turns to the right, varying between 45° and 60° of bank. When rolling out of the steep turns the engine began sputtering, surging, and lost power. Unable to return to the airport the pilot performed a forced landing in a field, during the landing the airplane flipped over and came to rest inverted resulting in substantial damage to the left wing, horizontal stabilizer, and fuselage.

The pilot stated that there were no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation; and that the low quantity of fuel and the selection of the right fuel tank resulted in fuel starvation.