



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date: July 18, 2017 at 1330 EDT
Person(s) Interviewed: Austin Rodgers – student pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA17LA235

Narrative:

Mr. Austin Rodgers (student pilot) was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Rodgers stated they were going to go flying to get familiar with a multiengine airplane, that he wanted to continue his fly career. He stated he was a new private pilot for only a few months and had approximately 50 total hours of flying experience.

Austin stated they met in the morning and he performed the preflight. He stated he followed the checklist and sumped the tanks, no anomalies noted. He also stated they did not visually check the fuel but looked at the fuel gauge and it read between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ full of fuel. Austin stated the runup was normal and they departed runway 27. They fly around for a little while and performed 3 touch-an-go landings. All he remembers next is the front engine started to surge to high power then to low power and then lost all power. The CFI pulled the emergency checklist out and he turned back to the airport. The CFI could not get the engine restarted but they felt comfortable since the rear engine was still running. On long final, the rear engine “just quit” and the CFI took over controls of the airplane but they were too low to reach the runway and force landed into the trees.