



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Richard Goosman, Pilot
Subject: Accident Follow Up

The pilot reported that he was on a cross country flight from Hickory NC and landed at Columbia SC where he topped off with fuel. He put in about 12 gallons. That flight was about 1.5 hours long. The following flight from CUB to was about 300 miles/3 hours. With the 34 gallons, he should have had more than enough gas for the flight. The airplane has an endurance of about 5.5 hours.

The flight was uneventful except for some last-minute deviations around the airspace down near Daytona which caused him to swing out over the water to avoid the airspace. As he approached Spruce Creek, he was about 1,000 ft. The engine sputtered; kind of like it does when its low on fuel, but he thought he had plenty. After it sputtered, it stopped. The propeller was windmilling. He attempted an engine restart and used the boost pump, but he could not get it restarted.

All the engine gauges and indications leading up to it were normal in the green. There was no bang, smoke or shutter. The engine simply lost power

Knowing he had to land in the water, he tried to get as close to shore as possible without endangering the people on the beach. He also wanted to avoid the surf/waves. He was hoping the people would see him and come to his aid. He tried to make the approach as slow as possible, just above stall speed. He does not recall the impact. He just remembers water coming in and covering the windscreen. After a few attempts to get the seatbelt off, he kicked open the window because his door would not open. He climbed out and a lifeguard arrived shortly after and took him to shore.

He has no idea why the engine stopped. He doesn't recall where the logbook records are. He will look for them. He thinks they may be at the maintenance shop. He's owned the airplane for about 4 years.

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