

Ballou, Daniel (FAA)

From: Kurt Bohlsen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Ballou, Daniel (FAA)
Subject: Re: N4726S

Daniel, thank you for your email, here are the answers to your questions, please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information:

On January 15, 2020 at 8:56 AM, "Ballou, Daniel (FAA)" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Kurt,

I need more detail in your statement about the following;

- 1) Describe what you did Flight Planning before taking off from Islip, NY

Flight planning was done through ForeFlight and the initial weather brief was obtained online the afternoon of the flight.

Closer to takeoff time I called 1-800-WXBRIEF for a full briefing.

- 2) What did you perform during your Pre-Flight Inspection, Did you check/or dipstick the fuel tanks? And any other checks performed.

Pre Flight inspection was done according to the checklist provided by the manufacturer.... all items proved to be satisfactory including all 4 fuel tanks and the oil before takeoff. Fuel was full, oil was a little on the low side but well within the operating limits.

- 3) Specifically, describe what you performed during your stated "Emergency Procedures" when dealing with the "Loss of Power".

I checked fuel inputs including throttle, mixture, and also props. I remember at this point calling in the engine trouble via radio to ATC. I pitched for best glide and was vectored first to an airport that was erroneous then vectored to KAQW North Adams. I turned the plane around and headed towards North Adams and saw only mountainous terrain with one very large mountain ahead rapidly approaching between us and the airport. At this point my I'm not sure what else I was able to accomplish from the list if anything as I had very little time to decide where to land the airplane. I remember committing to landing the plane safely rather than focusing inside the airplane and crashing into the side of the mountain.

- 4) Provide me with your Pilot Logbooks to prove "Currency" for Night Flying in the last 90 days.

My logbook, pilots license and medical certificate were all lost or destroyed in the crash however I did make a copy of my BFR which was provided and I do have some copies of older pages from my logbook but not the last pages.

Please provide this information asap

Regards,

Daniel J. Ballou

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