



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

February 10, 2021

Who: Ward Dunn, student pilot/owner

Mr. Dunn stated that he performed a normal preflight and departed the Columbia Airport (CUB), Columbia, South Carolina, to go practice touch and go landings at local airport as part of his training for his private pilot's license. He estimated the airplane had about 22 gallons of fuel onboard. About 10 minutes later, while in cruise flight at an altitude of 2,000 ft mean sea level (msl), the engine began to gradually lose power. He described the power loss as if something was blocking fuel from getting to the engine.

Mr. Dunn said that he applied full carburetor heat, but turned it back off about 30 seconds later when there was no improvement to the loss of engine rpm. Mr. Dunn said the engine eventually stopped producing power and he made a forced landing to a road located in a subdivision that was under construction. The airplane sustained substantial damage when the left wing collided with construction equipment during the landing roll out.

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