

ERA21LA321
N825ME – SN CC11-00372
CubCrafters CC11-160
Engine: Continental Titan 340CC (experimental)
Pilot: Charles Lilly - [REDACTED]

08/10/2021 - I met with Charles Lilly, pilot of N825ME when it made a landing in a field after losing engine power.

Mr. Lilly stated that on 08/06/2021 he had taken off from Springfield/Robertson County Airport, (M91). After a short flight around the pattern he landed to refuel the aircraft and pick up his passenger, Andrew Maholland. They then flew to a grass airstrip belonging to a friend and made a full stop approximately 9 miles southeast of M91. After taking off again they flew a pattern around the grass strip, did a touch-and-go, and as he was climbing, at approximately 400 feet he said the engine completely stopped. There was no sputter or indication it was going to fail. At that time he knew he had to get the airplane down safely and looked for the closest field he felt would work. Mr. Lilly was able to land the plane, and he and Mr. Maholland walked away with no injuries.

There was significant damage to the airplane, the right wing has leading edge damage from hitting a barbwire fence post and will most likely need replaced. The propeller will need replaced from damage after going through the fence. The landing gear was damaged upon impact, and some minor body damage was observed.

Upon inspection of the engine, it was found that it had fuel and fuel was clean. There was plenty of oil in reservoir and inspection of oil filter contents did not indicate any ferrous or foreign material. Ignition system was checked and all spark plugs fired. Awaiting full engine overhaul record from CubCrafters when aircraft is sent for repair.

Weather data:

Temperature: 82.40
Dew Point: 69.80
Relative humidity: 65.74
Wind: 190 at 5.75 mph

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