

302BM

LOC KPLR, 10/14/22

Summer 2022 Not flying enough - time to sell both planes. I got a more formal condition inspection done on 302BM, flew it 7/22/22, and all was well.

Trouble with the Cirrus SIU led to delays, and I next flew it 10/14/22 - same squawks. I took 302BM out, and it cranked up promptly. The battery minder effective. Fuel was registered on computer screen as 23.9 gallons and checking visually required a step ladder. I took off, flew 3 touch and made a crosswind departure to go fly maneuvers. Aux pumps were on. About 3.5 miles from the airport, at about 2500 feet altitude, the engine stuttered, then quit. Boost pump, throttle & prop manipulation was ineffective. I looked for an open space that didn't involve much turning & glided in, putting in flaps before reaching a house I thought I might clear, clipped a small tree, landed on the mains in the front yard, bounced across the road & lost the gear in a ditch. Turned it off, exited, checked the main tanks - no step ladder required now - empty. Forgot to check the aux tanks.