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The following digest is derived from the FAA Form 8020-23 provided by Mr. McKinney.

- The pilot, Mr. Ellington Osborne, reported that he departed TKPK with 160 gallons of fuel, with 45 gallons in each main tip tank, 25 gallons in each wing aux tank, and 20 gallons in the locker tank.
- Mr. Osborne's normal procedure was to burn for 50 minutes out of both main tip tanks, then switch to the aux tanks until almost empty, then use all the fuel from the locker tank for both engines and then return to the main tip tanks.
- Mr. Osborne followed his fuel procedure; however, fuel would not feed out of his locker tank as he approached his destination. Both engines lost power and a ditching was performed in the Atlantic Ocean.
- The pilot and passengers were rescued after about 4 hours in the water and the airplane sank. There was no effort to recover the wreckage.