



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: Information Provided by Marc Worley (Pilot)
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According to Mr. Worley, His father used to own the airplane, but he passed away in March of 2022. He and his brother now own it.

They had a local mechanic inspect and annual the airplane. It was in the shop having the work done from April of 2022 to December of 2022.

It had been 2.5 to 3 years since he had flown.

During a runup, the engine would run rough during a mag check and would drop to 1800 rpm. and a mechanic (not the same one who did the previous work), replaced a spark plug.

On the day of the accident, he, and the flight instructor he was flying with did 4 or 5 magneto checks and the engine sounded good. The oil temperature and suction also looked good.

The airplane was equipped with toe brakes but only on the left (pilot's) side of the cockpit, so Mr. Worley considered himself the Pilot-In-Command (PIC).

After takeoff when he brought the landing gear up, the engine started "popping." They were still over the runway. He nosed the airplane over and they touched down and then went off the runway and hit an embankment about 100 yards later. The flight instructor then saw flames near the Mr. Worley's feet, told him about it, and they quickly got out of the airplane. The airplane continued to burn until the fire department put it out.

Mr. Worley also added that during the accident he fractured one of his vertebrae.