



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Todd Gunther
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: 10/31/2023

Subject: Information Provided by William Stewart (Student Pilot)

NTSB Case Number: ERA24LA010

According to Mr. Stewart, Prior to takeoff he did an engine runup which “went fine” but during the takeoff the engine began running rough and the rpm dropped from 5100 to 3000.

The fuel pump and the ignition were both on, but then it went from running rough, to no power.

The air speed was at 55 knots and was able to clear some trees, then when the air speed was down to 41 knots, he dove for a clearing and came to rest on Faith Boulevard.

During the landing, the propeller was windmilling but never struck the ground.

Mr. Stewart added that he never saw any oil leaking from the airplane or smoke prior to the accident, and that he had about 100 hours of flight time, with only about 30 hours in the accident airplane.