



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 7/12/2025
Subject: Terry Gallagher-pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA25LA198

Mr. Terry Gallagher was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the flight was to evaluate the Annual Inspection with Scott Reilley, the A&P mechanic. He stated Scott always volunteered to do a Airport flight after each Annual Inspection to verify work done. On 5/7/2025 at about 3:15pm during Pre-flight check he pointed out to Scott that the level of Spirax Oil in the Prop Window was only 15-20% full but Scott said it was okay for the upcoming short 30 minute flight. So they went on the flight around the KTTA Airport to verify Annual Inspection check. On the first go around no issue. The pilot told Scott he would do a touch and go on the 2nd go around the airport. Since runway 21 was shortened from 6,500 to under 5,000 he landed quickly and “hoped” a bit then took off for a 2nd trip when lifting off Scott said did you hear that “pop” and he said no. he further stated that he noticed a RPM loss and Power Loss so he set the airplane to avoid the Trees ahead and attempt to return to Runway 21 or the reciprocal and same runway Runway 3. He made a Crosswind turn and headed North. At this point he knew he was going to land in the grass but do not recall anything from this point since after hitting the ground.

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