



RECORD OF EMAIL

Eric Swenson
Air Safety Investigator
AS-20; General Aviation Accident

Date: 01/30/2017
Person Contacted: Mr. Darren Pittacora
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA121

Email Narrative:

- The pilot in command (PIC) Richard Emery, stated he was not giving instruction and was only flying with the new owner to help him learn some things
- Second in command (SIC) Bryan Hutchison, was flying the aircraft but PIC took over when the engine quit
- PIC has expired CFI
- SIC is a student pilot
- Pilot performed preflight and checked drop sticks for fuel quantity. Quantity indicated 9 gallons of fuel which should be enough for approximately 1.5 hours of flight. On approach to DTO while making a right base turn the engine lost power. The engine intermittently came back a couple times before the aircraft landed in a pasture. The aircraft bounced once in the pasture approximately 160' prior to striking a barbed wire fence and a tree and then a ditch and coming to a stop.
- Fuel bypass pull only showed a few drops of fuel
- Prior to removing the wings the fuel was drained, a total of approximately 1-2 gallons