



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Alex Curtis (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA574

The following is a summary of a telephone conversation with the above mentioned:

The pilot reported that he went to Skyhaven Airport, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania (76N), picked up his flight instructor, and then continued to Crew Municipal Airport, Crew, Virginia (W81). He added that he landed, and attempted to refuel the airplane, but the fuel tank was locked. He decided to fly to Farmville Regional Airport, Farmville, Virginia (FVX), about 20 miles away, but once at the airport, he was informed over the UNICOM frequency that the runway was closed, so he returned back to W81. On downwind for runway 33, the engine quit. He switched the fuel tank from the left tank to the right tank, but the engine did not restart. He continued the power off approach and over the runway, he aerodynamically stalled the airplane and landed hard.

The pilot reported that there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.