

Aircraft N3984L Forced Landing due to Fuel Exhaustion

2018-11-02 approximately ½ mile south of Cleburne Municipal Airport (CPT)

2018-11-05

Inspector Statement from FAA IIC Gavin Hill

Spoke to registered owner (Rick Hazen) of the aircraft who is also an experienced pilot. States they retrieved the aircraft and brought it back to the hanger where they sumped no fuel out of the RH tank and only retrieved 10 ounces from the LH tank. The fuel gauges read zero back at the hanger. Fuel was added to the aircraft and the engine restarted and operated normally.

Owner stated he discussed the flight with the pilot and found he had flown 3.6 hours and performed at least 6 touch and goes. He stated this aircraft is usually a 3.5 hour max range at 10,000 foot agl at 8-9 gallons per hour. He doubts the 7 gallons per hour burn quoted by the pilot as being too lean.

2014-11-06 -

Spoke to the pilot (Connor Caldwell) this morning and he basically admitted that after looking at all the factors he didn't monitor his fuel consumption properly and ran the aircraft out of fuel.

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Gavin Hill

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