



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: June 20, 2016

Time: 0855 -0920 PDT

Person Contacted: Donald J. Bach (pilot owner / PIC)

Subject: WPR16FA103 (record of conversation via telephone)

On June 20, 2016, between 0855 – 0920 PDT, the NTSB IIC conducted a telephone interview with the owner/pilot-in-command of the accident airplane, Donald J. Bach. Mr. Bach who reported the following:

Mr. Bach said that he departed on the flight from the Fullerton Airport, Fullerton, California, to Brackett Field, which is located in La Verne, California, about 16 nautical miles and a 10 minute flight. He said that prior to taking off he estimated that one fuel tank was about half full, while the other fuel tank was about one-quarter full. When the IIC asked him which tank the fuel selector was on during departure, he said he did not recall. Mr. Bach said that the pre-takeoff run up was ok, and that the carburetor heat worked good. He said that he took off and climbed to 2,200 feet mean sea level (msl), was cleared for a left downwind for runway 26L at Brakckett Field (POC), and called the POC tower over Diamond Bar, a small town just west of POC; at this time he descended down to 2,000 feet msl. He said that during the descent he observed the engine rpm decrease to between 500 to 600 rpm, at which time he radioed "MAYDAY, MAYDAY". The pilot stated that at this time he switched fuel tanks, but was not sure which ones he selected during the process. He also stated that he was not sure if the engine had completely quit or not, as he was too busy trying to locate a place to land. Mr. Bach added the he was probably just above stall speed and maneuvering in a left turn while still trying to locate a landing site. He said he was looking for a field to land in but could not find one. He said that the only thing he saw was a roof top, which he aimed for and belly flopped onto. When asked by the IIC if he remembered when he last fueled the airplane, he said it was at Cable Airport, but did not remember when. He said he would research his records and forward them to me.

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