



Memorandum for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA205
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N87WF / Boeing A75N1 (PT17)
Accident Location: Ventura, CA.
Accident Date: May 22, 2021

Donald Lucy
Owner/Pilot

In a telephone conversation with the pilot, he stated he purchased the airplane in January 2021. He was on a flight from Santa Ynez, California to Santa Paula, California. He elected to fly near the coast, about 1200 to 1500 ft mean sea level (msl), and recalled the air was very humid to the point that you could see the moisture.

While in flight the engine began to run rough and began to lose power. He stated that he applied full throttle and full carb heat. He said the engine "came back" then began to run rough again, and the performance began to degrade at a progressive rate. He elected to perform a precautionary landing to an open field. The landing was normal but during the roll out, the airplane struck some irrigation lines and the airplane flipped over on its back. The rudder was damaged.

The pilot stated that he believed there was no mechanical failure, and that the engine was running rough due to carburetor icing. He stated that he did check carb heat during engine run ups and did not get the definite drop in RPM's he was used to seeing in other airplanes he had flown. The airplane was a recent purchase, and he didn't know if this was normal.