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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Compton in a telephone conversation.

He was a passenger in N639BH, an experimental, Zenith CH 801 airplane on the day of the accident flight. He had never flown in that make of airplane and Mr. David Cane was the pilot in command (PIC) of the flight. The intent of the flight was conduct touch & go's at the Brigham City Regional Airport (BMC). During the 1st take-off, the climb out was normal, at about 500 ft above ground level (agl), David pulled the power back and adjusted the propeller. He did notice that while on the down wind leg, the engine rpm seemed to vary, as if the engine was surging. Not having been in this type of plane before, he did not know if that was normal. While on final approach to land, David put the propeller control full forward, landed the airplane, and started to take off again. However, between 300 to 500 ft agl, David said he had no power. He looked at the engine RPM and it seemed normal. David then said, we got the power back. He noticed they had plenty of runway and recommended he land the airplane. During the landing flare, the airplane landed hard.