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Contact: Robert May, Pilot / Owner

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. May in an e-mail correspondence.

Mr. May had recently purchased N964AL, an experimental fixed wing airplane. He had two prior flights in the accident airplane. On the day of the accident flight, he departed at about 09:20 Pacific daylight time, from Sanderson Field Airport, Shelton, Washington, with the intended destination of Battle Mountain Airport, Battle Mountain, Nevada. During the accident flight, he had no way to monitor the fuel burn rate other than the (fuel) sight gauges, which he couldn't see due to objects blocking his view. During the accident flight, he did lean the fuel to slightly LOP (lean of peak) and believed to have plenty of fuel for relocation of the airplane.