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Subject: Rio Linda, CA / WPR24LA218, DO Phone Interview

Contact: Donald Hinton Accident Pilot

Note summary: I spoke with N912RG pilot Donald Everett Hinton soon after the accident on Officer Zamudio's cell phone. The pilot told me he was uninjured, and he had just crashed into a softball field fence across the street from (L36) Rio Linda, CA. He might go to the hospital and get an MRI to make sure he did not have whiplash. He departed (L36) to practice touch and go landings at (MCC) McClellan. He had finished and was on his way back to (L36) for a full stop. Nothing was wrong with the airplane before he took off. The tanks read 25% when the engine quit. The tanks were now empty.

I asked him, if he had just ran it out of fuel? He stated, "Yes", and that the fuel gauges might have been incorrectly calibrated. He described the damage to the left wing. I classified it as substantial damage and told the officer and pilot they could move the airplane after the FAA were done looking at it. Kimberly @ the FAA ROC said she was trying to get ahold of SAC FSDO and that they were enroute. 0957 accident time