

May 30, 2019

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Mr Matthew D. Mrzena

This My statement on the Flight of N3031U Cessna 172 180HP. On April 30, 2019. Willy Matson and I made a flight around 5:30 pm, to (2) practice areas, #1 north, 18 nm of Wasilla and went on to #2 practice area, 9 nm southeast of Wasilla, At the preflight I had asked, Willy how much fuel was onboard the aircraft. He had stated approximately 3 hours, at practice area #2, I became concern about how much fuel we had, based on the Right fuel gauge which was showing little movement on the needle

It was not on empty, more like a quarter tank indication I asked Willy about time in tanks and his fuel burn I decided to turn back direct to Wasilla, at about 5nm the aircraft ran out of fuel at 3000' msl.

We got to 2 nm from Wasilla airport at 1000' agl over Knik Goose Bay Rd I found an open area, 1/2 mile south an open lot with a small road. We landed on the road heading east, was unable to avoid a power pole that was on right of aircraft which the right wing caught, I put in max left brake and rudder, right tip of wing gave way and we came to stop just short of Fern Rd. We exited aircraft around 7pm. Unhurt.

Sincerely

Robert I Smith

