



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Jim Brannan, Mazzei Flying Service

Subject: WPR12LA055

The President of Mazzei Flying Service was interviewed. Following the accident he had spoken with the pilot about the amount of fuel onboard the airplane at the time of his original departure. The pilot did not depart with full fuel due to weight and balance concerns. Although the pilot estimated that 26 gallons were onboard, he was unable to verify the actual amount. When the engine lost power, the pilot reported switching fuel tanks, but could not recall the position of the selector. Additionally, after the forced landing the pilot positioned the fuel selector to the "Off" position.

Following the recovery of the airplane, the engine was test run with no operational anomalies identified.