

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Jason Aguilera Air Safety Investigator Central Region

Date: 18 May 2020

Person Contacted: James Nixon

NTSB Accident Number: CEN20LA181

Narrative:

I received a phone call from the pilot of N92036, a Cessna 172 that crashed in the Argyle Lake State Forest on Friday 15 May 2020. Mr. James Nixon was flying from IL84 to MQB. He decided to fly over Argyle Lake when the airplane ran out of fuel.

I asked if he had checked the tanks prior to takeoff. Mr. Nixon replied that the hangar was dark and he used a wire to check the fuel level in the tanks. He wasn't wearing his glasses and he thought he had "an inch or so" of fuel. He thought that was enough fuel and took off.

He has broken ribs, so serious injuries.

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