



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Central Region - Denver, Colorado

Record of Telephone Conversations

Person Interviewed: Thatcher Carel

Subject: – CEN20LA149

Date: 6/17/2020 and 7/2/2020

Mr. Carel was the pilot of N98649, a Cessna 402 airplane when it was involved in an accident near Kirksville, MO, on 4/13/20.

During the telephone conversation Mr. Carel stated the following:

- The airplane was regularly refueled post flight and hangered following each day's flying. The airplane was not refueled following the previous flight, but was refueled the day of the accident.
- The airplane was equipped with locker fuel tanks, but they were not used.
- He sumped the fuel system during the preflight and did not find any contaminants in the fuel.
- He took off with the fuel selectors on the Main tanks per the POH.
- He could not say if the loss of engine power was on a single engine or both engines.
- He did not recall looking at the engine instruments when the loss of power occurred, but concentrated on landing the airplane.
- He pulled the throttles to land the airplane and said he did not feather the propellers.

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