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Date: 12/22/2019
Person Contacted: Ronald Roberts
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20CA056

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Roberts, he reported that while in cruise flight at 800 ft above ground level, the engine lost power and he was unable to restart the engine. Mr. Roberts said that he initiated a forced landing in the open desert and during the landing roll, the aircraft impacted large boulder.



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During a telephone conversation with Mr. Roberts, he reported that postaccident testing of the aircraft by his friends revealed that he had ran the engine out of gas. Mr. Roberts further stated that he did not have a fuel quantity gauge on the trike and to visual inspection of the fuel tank through the fuel tank filler opening was the only way to determine fuel level. Mr. Roberts stated that he thought he had a full tank of gas prior to takeoff, however, did not.

Mr. Roberts reported that there were no mechanical issues with the aircraft that would have precluded normal operation.