

Mr. Hicks:

Mike Collins was a friend of mine. I was hit hard with his death. I was fortunate to have had some time talking with him that morning. I was the last person he spoke with before he took off. Mike made it a practice of flying his plane the day before he took off on trips. Mike just flew the pattern. This was the morning of the 12th. He fueled his plane (Oct 12th in preparation for an early departure (6:00 AM) but he told me, he could not see down the runway due to heavy visible moisture. As he waited, and I arrived at 7:22 am, we had time to joke and talk. He was in very good spirits. He took off Oct 13th 2021 at 12:15.57 Zulu. I came in and started to follow him on radar but was distracted by work that need to be done. When he disappeared from radar, I just thought he was out of range until I got the 911 call asking about any planes that might have been in our area. Enclosed are the sale from his last purchase of LL100 from our self-serve tank. The fuel quality had been checked the morning of the 12th and no problems were noted/found. We had a total of 8 fuel sales 12th through the 13th of Oct 2021.