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AS-WPR

Date: April 19, 2023

Subject: WPR23LA162, Record of Memorandum

Contact: Scott Gross, Pilot, Edwards Construction Company, LLC.

Notes from the NTSB Duty Officer:

The pilot reported that during a personal flight he departed from Las Vegas [FlightAware shows departure from Eagle Airpark (A09)] and was headed to St. Louis. They were coming into land at 40G to get fuel. Upon landing on runway 01, he pulled the carb heat (on) and subsequently, the engine started sputtering. The engine lost partial power on the right downwind. They were going to land on runway 01 and the pilot aborted the landing on final, and that's when they noticed an issue with the power. The airplane descended to the ground and sustained substantial damage. The airplane came to rest on the intersection of B and C taxiway. The airplane remains on airport property.

According to the pilot they were landing at 40G because the fuel gauges were not "acting" right, so they were going to land and get fuel. However, 40G has not carried fuel for about 7 years.

The pilot was not able to communicate what actually occurred and requested to give us a call back tomorrow. The DO attempted to ascertain the circumstances, but the pilot was unable or unwilling to communicate the circumstances of the accident. The DO requested that someone put eyes on the pilot to ensure his well-being, and the airport manager indicated that the pilot and passenger refused medical attention. Law enforcement confirmed with the DO that impairment was not observed.

The DO spoke with the FAA Inspector Michael McCall on 4/20/2023@1815pst

Mr. McCall reported that he had traveled to the accident site and could not determine the initial point of impact. However, the flaps had in 30°, the throttle, propeller and mixture were all full forward (maximum). The fuel selector was in the both position, and fuel was present in both tanks.

The DO contacted the pilot on 4/21/2023@1810pst

The pilot reported that he was going to land at 40G to get fuel, he applied the carb heat on final and the engine sputtered. He attempted to go around because of the wind, the airplane stalled and impacted the ground.