



Record of Conversation

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR22LA017
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N3388T / Cessna 177
Accident Location: Swan Lake, Washington
Accident Date: October 16, 2021

In a telephone interview with the pilot, he stated that he was on a flight with a friend. While on the flight he switched to the right fuel tank to verify it was operating normally. He ran it for about five minutes. Afterwards he switched to the left tank to run it dry for maintenance. When the engine started to sputter, he switched back to the right tank, but the engine lost power and would not restart. He force-landed to a field and struck a rock in the process. He reported that upon examination, the left tank had about 2 gallons remaining, and the right tank had about 15 gallons remaining. Post-accident examination revealed debris in the metal screen filter in the carburetor.

The pilot stated that the fuel tanks (left and right) noted in the NTSB Form 6120.1 were transposed.

The pilot stated there were no mechanical failures or anomalies that would have precluded normal operations.