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Date:

Date of Accident: 07/20/2022

Subject:

CEN22LA343 Memorandum for the Record
Summary of NTSB IIC and Pilot Telephone Conversation

Contact:

Alex Lemishko, NTSB IIC and Pilot Richard Busse

The pilot and the owner were asked to submit an NTSB Form 6120 to the NTSB IIC. The NTSB did not receive the form from the pilot or the owner of the airplane. However, the pilot relayed the following information to the NTSB IIC in a telephone call:

- The pilot stated that he was enroute on a night cross-country flight that originated from Colorado Springs, Colorado, with a destination of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.
- The pilot did not recall how much fuel was onboard the airplane when he took off from Colorado Springs. He said that he planned to refuel at Grand Lake Regional Airport (1K8) because the fuel was less expensive than it was at Colorado Springs.
- Nearing 1K8, the pilot thought that he was going to run out of fuel. He tried to make the airport, but the engine stopped running. He executed a forced landing into a field, about 1 mile from 1K8.
- The pilot said that he was flying about 2.5 hours when the engine stopped running.
- The pilot and passenger exited the airplane uninjured. They walked to a rural road and called emergency services.
- The pilot stated that he had 11,645 hours of total flying time, 600 in the E33.