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Subject: ANC23LA013 Pilot Interview

Contact: Thomas L. Lubeck, Owner/pilot

I called and talked to Mr. Lubeck. Mr. Lubeck stated that last month during a heavy snow event the fuel tank cap was found dislodged allowing snow to accumulate inside the fuel tank. During his preflight he drained fuel from the sump drain and found water in the fuel. He continued to drain fuel until there was no more signs of water. He departed Lake Hood Airport to the north. Near Point Mackenzie the engine began to run rough, he performed a precautionary landing on Guernsey Road. He drained fuel from the sump drain again and found water in the fuel. He continued to drain fuel until there was no more signs of water. He called his mechanic and his mechanic traveled to the airplane and inspected the engine. The mechanic drained all the fuel from the carburetor to ensure there was no water. They started the engine, and it was running normal again. They ran the engine for 10 minutes. Mr. Lubeck then departed from the road to fly the airplane back to Lake Hood. Shortly after takeoff the engine began to run rough again. He performed another precautionary landing on to the road. Upon landing his right wing impacted a street sign.