



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: FAA Inspector Craig Decker
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA133

Narrative:

During the conversation Inspector Decker stated the following:

Inspector Craig Decker examined the airplane and engine after it was recovered from the field. During the examination he noted that the mixture control was wired in the full rich position. The pilot reported to the inspector that he shut off the engine by turning off the magnetos.

The engine exhibited normal rotation and magneto operation. Fuel was documented in the gascolator.

The carburetor separated from the engine during the forced landing. The mechanic and pilot stated that when the carburetor heat knob was pulled a door closed the outside air flow and another door opened which fed unfiltered air from inside of the lower engine cowling. The pilot reported to the inspector that he always flew with the carburetor heat about ½ way on or out.

There were no preimpact malfunctions or failures that would have precluded normal operation.