



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person: Corey Wehmeyer, FAA
NTSB Accident Number: CEN17LA010

FAA inspector Corey Wehmeyer oversaw an engine examination for N5196L, a Piper PA-28-160 that experienced a loss of engine power near Clarendon, Texas.

He reported the following concerning the engine examination.

The engine teardown was performed by the flight school's owner and his mechanic. Inspector Wehmeyer provided Federal oversight of the teardown. The engine had signatures of lubrication distress. The engine's oil inlet screen was clogged with metal and the source appeared to have originated from a broken piston pin.

An oil filter that was changed prior to the accident was examined and found to be "full of metal."

A non-mechanic rated person performed preventative maintenance on the airplane prior to the accident. During the oil change, he did not think that the engine's oil contained too much metal to warrant further inspection.

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