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Subject: CEN22LA256, Interview of Mechanic

Contact: Charles 'Race' Taylor, Madison Air

Mr. Taylor performed airframe and engine annual inspections of N39880 on May 20, 2022.

He provided the following information concerning the inspection:

- He didn't notice anything that "stuck out" with the exhaust system.
- He described the airworthiness directive (AD) AD-2008-05-11 as a fairly straightforward exhaust system inspection.
- He stated that he had disassembled the ball joint, and used a light and mirror to examine the exhaust system.
- He was aware of the accident and was familiar with the location where the exhaust system had fractured (the weld joining the aft ball tube to the aft muffler flange).
- He remarked that it was very difficult to view the location where the fracture occurred during the accident.
- He did not use a borescope to assist him during the inspection.
- He was not familiar with the AD requirement to spray the outside of the muffler with a penetrating oil to check for cracks.