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Subject: CEN24LA050

Contact: Daniel Sindt - FAA Inspector

During several phone conversations during the course of the investigation Mr. Sindt, who was an FAA inspector that responded to the accident scene and also was present during the postaccident examination after the recovery of the airplane from the accident scene. He provided the following information:

ON SCENE

- Forced landing to a road after engine power loss.
- Struck a car during the forced landing.
- All 3 gear off, left wing bent, left leading edge crushed, fuselage bent.
- Fuel draining out of the left-wing tank drain.
- Left tank - no usable fuel.
- Right tank had fuel but airplane not level, so quantity not determined.
- Fuel staining and wet fuel on flap of left wing.
- Fuel selector was in off position.

POSTACCIDENT EXAM

- Engine rotated and had compression on all cylinders.
- One standard magneto, one Sure-fly magneto.
- Standard mag sparked on all leads.
- Sure-fly magneto needed battery power so could not spark.
- Gascolator broken off during impact.
- Carb had about ¼ oz fuel in bowl. Bowl removed and no anomalies noted.
- Left tank drain removed, and o-ring was deformed and gouged.

- Airplane was not perfectly level, but when power applied the left gauge read empty, right read 4 gallons.
- No anomalies found to explain power loss except leaking fuel drain and no usable fuel in left tank.