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Subject: N529KC (Thrush Aircraft S2R-G10 Airplane) - Accident

Contact: Pierson Chase - Pilot and Mechanic
Aerial Crop Care Company

The NTSB investigator-in-charge communicated with Pierson on the telephone. Pierson, who is the accident pilot, also has performed maintenance work on the accident airplane. Pierson is an airframe and powerplant mechanic.

Pierson was briefed about the findings regarding the Honeywell TPE331-10-511M engine examination work that was performed during the investigation. Pierson was briefed about the foreign object debris (FOD) finding in the Lee valve. The FOD was found to be torque stripe material, which was also found on various areas of the engine.

Pierson was asked if he perhaps knew how and when the FOD may have entered the lee check valve during previous maintenance work. Pierson reported he was unsure of how that may have happened, when it may have happened, and who may have allowed FOD to enter the Lee valve.

*** Nothing Follows ***