



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA16LA154, N16366, Piper PA-28-180, March 27, 2016, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Record of conversation with FAA Inspector Dean Glasser, of the Allegheny Flight Standards District Office.

On April 18, 2016 Mr. Glasser provided the following information via telephone:

Mr. Glasser had taken several photos of the airplane and will forward those. He is expecting to receive the airplane logbooks from the insurance adjuster and will send copies.

When inspecting the airplane, Mr. Glasser observed the primer knob was in the out/unlocked position.

Mr. Glasser spoke to the pilot, Chuck Grimes, who said that he had attempted to start the airplane four times, each time using the primer. On the 4th attempt, he heard a "pop", then saw smoke and then the engine caught fire.

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