



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

Date: March 17, 2019
Person Contacted: Wayne Gilchrist
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA023 – Lindenwold, NJ

This investigator interviewed Mr. McCaffery by telephone and email, he reported the following:

- He departed Claremont Airport (58M), with full fuel, 18 gallons. The flight to the Flying W Airport (N14), was 1.2 hours.
- When he departed the Flying W Airport (N14), he had about 12 gallons of fuel on board for the local flight. He stated the airplane burns about five gallons per hour.
- About 15 minutes into the flight he experienced mechanical problems.
- In level flight at 1,200 ft at a cruise power of 2300 rpm, when without warning or touching the throttle, power dropped/reduced to idle rpm. Regardless of what position he placed the throttle, no power was available. Carburetor heat did power was not restored. He assumed there was a mechanical problem with the throttle connection.
- He set up for a decent of 65 to 70 knots and attempted to rerun to the airport, but he did not have the altitude to get there.
- With no available landing sites, they impacted trees in a residential neighborhood.