



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: December 12, 2016
Person Contacted: Inspector Aulio Giron
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA040 – Hopinkton, RI

During telephone and email correspondence Mr. Giron reported the following:

- The areas of substantial damage are the left outer wing, right wing center section, firewall, and nose landing gear.
- He confirmed control continuity, though he was not able to fully check travel in the ailerons due to damage, but the cables appeared intact.
- No fuel was observed in the left or right fuel tanks. The fuel selector was in the BOTH position.
- There was a puncture in the right fuel tank after impact. First responders did not report any fuel leaking from the airplane. There was no blighting of the grass or any other evidence of a fuel spill.
- During a follow-up examination he reported 12 ounces of fuel was drained from the fuel bow, carburetor, and electric fuel pump combined. The fuel selector moves freely. There was no evidence of contaminants in the fuel collected.
- The engine was manually rotated.
- He reported that the pilot stated the purpose of the flight was to get fuel at the Richmond Airport (08R). Before departure he “stuck” the tanks and determined there was approximately 12 gallons of fuel in the tanks. He used a wooden stick to measure fuel quantity, and determined there was about 3 inches of fuel from the bottom of the tank. He stated the airplane burns about 10 gallons of fuel per hour. The last time he had fuel the airplane was in Bangor International Airport (BGR) prior to returning to Windham Airport (IJD).