



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 07/22/2021 (Follow up phone call with mechanic)
Person Contacted: Mechanic: William Housley
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA202

Narrative:

The pilot along with the FAA inspector attempted a restart once the airplane was recovered and it failed to start. Immediately following the accident, they examined the carburetor and there was a ball of a milky white substance in the carburetor bowl. It appeared to be a liquid of some kind and looked like it may have clogged up one of the jets.

The airplane had an STC for auto gas. During the flight, the fuel tank was half aviation fuel and half auto gas. The pilot normally carried the fuel around in plastic Jerry cans; he hypothesized that possibly some liquid or other substance was transferred from the can to the airplane but can't be sure.

He purchased the airplane back from the pilot and continued to repair the airframe which was an easy fix. The airplane has been flying fine ever since.

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Date: 07/21/2021 (Follow up phone call with the pilot)
Person Contacted: Pilot Ed Banks
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA202

Narrative:

Discussed the conversation we had after the accident and asked to provide additional details. They recovered the airplane pretty quick and put it on a trailer and took it over to the airport where they attempted to crank the engine to start, but it did not start. His mechanic took the carburetor off and examined it and found "gunk" in the carburetor bowl.

He sold the airplane back to the mechanic and he promptly repaired it and has been flying it without issue. The engine was fine.

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