



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FAA Inspector Statement

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Date: 07/01/2019
Person Contacted: James D. Nichols
Federal Aviation Administration Inspector / Atlanta FSDO-11
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA219

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred over the telephone with Inspector Nichols:

According to inspector Nichols, the airplane sustained substantial damage to the engine mounts and the left-wing. An inspection of the cockpit revealed the fuel selector valve to be positioned about 2/3 between the right fuel tank and the left fuel tank, being positioned closer to the left tank.

The carburetor was disassembled and found to have no fuel in the bowl and about an ounce of fuel in the accelerator pump cavity. The fuel pump and fuel lines were removed as a unit, with about a teaspoon of fuel present, and the fuel pump was functionally checked and pumped normally. The engine compression and continuity of the accessory drive train was checked, and no anomalies were found. The magnetos were removed and functionally tested producing spark and the oil filter was removed, disassembled, and found to be clean.