



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA20LA028
Who: Inspector Louis Hilliard – FAA Inspector

In a statement sent on November 5, 2019, Inspector Hilliard stated the following:

- Aircraft is a Cessna 210
- 09/18/2019 at last annual had an engine swap. Tach 3815.43 TSIO-520-H4B
 - Rebuilt by Western Skyways
 - R&R by Gateway Flight Center, Port Lavaca TX KPKV
 - Spoke with Ludvik “Lou” J Svetlik, A&P
 - September did a 20-hour oil change and engine check. Switched to Ashless Dispersant from mineral oil. Have not seen aircraft since. Per owner, airplane was “not using any oil”
- Matt Retzer
 - Mechanic at Epic Aero Odessa
 - Called 11/05/2019 at 830 to discuss maintenance done by his shop
 - Sept 24, 2019 - Tach 3868
 - Oil leak at the turbo wastegate
 - Tightened and cleaned
 - Engine was 2 qts low on oil. Still on mineral at the time.
 - October 17, 2019 - Hobbs 1191.8 (hobbs is inop)
 - Vac Pump Change
 - Had failure on flight from Las Vegas to Odessa. October 16, 2019.
 - October 23, 2019 - Tach 3909.68
 - Oil Change to ASW100
 - 1st swap to AD oil
 - Cut filter. Did not notice any unusual material. No oil analysis was ordered or requested by owner

- Bleed and services left brakes
- October 30, 2019 - Tach 3924
 - Replaced left main tire and tube 600x6
 - Bled and serviced right side brakes
 - No major oil leaks noted on belly or exterior of aircraft.

In a telephone conversation on November 19, 2019, Inspector Hilliard stated the following:

- Airplane got 60 gallons of fuel the night before accident.
- At the accident site, the recovery personnel noted 2 cups of fuel were drained out of right tank.
- Then, 25 gallons of fuel were drained out of the left tank.
- No fuel staining in the surrounding area.
- No fuel odor at the accident site.
- Both fuel tanks remained intact. Neither were breeched.
- The fuel selector was found in the right tank position.