



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 10/14/2020
Person Contacted: Pilot; Bruce Sheets
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA325

Narrative:

Discussed the circumstances of the accident with the pilot.

Discussed his difficulty sumping the header tank via the gascolator. He stated difficulty is not the correct word. He had difficulty getting all the water out of the tank. The wing tanks were ok, it was the header tank that was the problem. There was water in the gascolator, always a bubble or two. He had difficulty getting it out.

He sumped the tank prior to the flight. He always does. He did not remember any significant water in his sumping during preflight. He replaces the fuel tank gaskets because they degrade and need to be replaced about once a year.

When asked about the shutting down the engine by using the fuel cut off, it's because there is a problem with the carburetor float.

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