



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 18, 2022
Person Contacted: Jim Holmes, MCO FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA329

Narrative:

Mr. Holmes was interviewed via telephone. He provided oversight for an engine examination performed by Matt Bartle (A&P/IA) at Florida Air Recovery, Jacksonville, Florida. When the propeller was rotated by hand, camshaft, crankshaft, and valve train continuity were confirmed to the rear accessory section and thumb compression was attained on all cylinders. Both magnetos produced spark at all leads when rotated by hand.

Mr. Holmes noted that the carburetor was absent of fuel. He observed a small amount of fuel in the gascolator, about 75 ml. Mr. Holmes initially did not observe any fuel in the fuel tank. He then examined the tank via borescope, verified that it was not breached, and observed a small immeasurable amount of fuel in one corner of the tank, but the tank was otherwise dry. Mr. Holmes added that there was adequate oil in the engine.