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Subject: ERA23FA163-witness statement

Contact: David Seace/ mechanic/ Assisted pilot w/service bulletin

The information below was discussed via telephone interview.

During the telephone discussion with Mr. Seace, he said he flew up from Florida to assist Mr. Preiss with a service bulletin on his gyroplane. He said Mr. Preiss told him he was experiencing a rough running engine from time to time and believed it may have been the carburetors. He said that they checked the carburetors using a carburetor synchronizer and did not find any anomalies. They refueled the gyroplane with 100 LL and flew for approximately 3.5 hours with no anomalies noted. Mr. Seace was asked "when was the first time the pilot complained about the rough running engine" and he said it was around 2 weeks prior to the accident event.

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