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RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed- Clyde Vanel – Pilot
NTSB Case Number: ERA23LA156

Narrative:

Mr. Vanel was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Vanel stated he departed Brookhaven Airport (HWV), Shirley, New York, about 1250 on the day of the accident for a local flight. He had one passenger on board. About twenty minutes into the flight, at a cruise altitude of 3,500 ft, he noticed the manifold pressure dropping so he went full throttle, mixture full forward and propeller full forward. The engine did not respond so he looked for a place to land the airplane. He noticed that the tide was low, so he decided to land on the beach. He landed the airplane hard and the landing gear collapsed and the airplane veered left into the water.

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