



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date and Time: October 15, 2024
Person Contacted: Mechanic; Jerry Sikes [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA24LA141

RE: Discussed the accident and the maintenance procedures regarding the oil servicing.

Narrative:

The Investigator in Charge (McCarter) along with Continental Motors (Grice) called the mechanic to discuss the circumstances and oil servicing background of the engine.

The mechanic (Sikes) stated that he did not follow the critical service bulletin because he assumed he was going over and above the procedures. He stated that the owner was very cautious and specific about servicing his engine oil. "He had it done every 30 hours whether he needed to or not."

The mechanic performed the oil change and cut open the filter and pulled out the filter pleats after every change and did not find any unusual signs of metal or other ferrous material in the filter over the past year. He always sent in the oil for analysis and received a detailed report. However, during the last oil change, he discovered some traces of material and advised the OA laboratory, then sent in the samples.

Numerous reports did not show any glaring red flags, and he was in communication with the OA laboratory on the findings. There was nothing to indicate a potential issue with the engine.

He stated he would follow the CSB moving forward. There was some discussion on whether the CSB was sufficient in its current state or if an augmentation was needed.

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