



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Oral Whitlow – pilot's father
Date: 06.15.2017
Time: 1600
Subject: WPR17LA126; Unregistered Hurricane 503 Trike; Redcrest, CA

Narrative:

The following is a summary of statements made by Mr. Whitlow:

The pilot departed from a sandbar next to a river. About 20 minutes later, he heard the airplane returning, but the engine was sputtering. He heard the engine stop, and saw the airplane nose into the ground. He indicated that he did some examination of the airplane, and the main metering fuel jet on one carburetor fell out when he picked it up.

Mr. Whitlow confirmed that the engine was a ROTAX 503 model. I informed him that the airplanes with this engine installed met the minimum weight limitations to be classified as an experimental light sport airplane, and that we would open an investigation.