



INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Person Contacted: Shane Cavette, FAA FSDO, Van Nuys, CA
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA246

Narrative:

Mr. Cavette examined the airplane with a mechanic at Tehachapi Airport following the accident, and met with the pilot. Mr. Cavette relayed the following findings:

- Partial engine examination performed, no anomalies noted.
- An engine run could not be performed, due to damage sustained by the carburetor during the accident.
- The unusable fuel for right and left tank is 1 1/2 gallons and each tank holds 12 1/2 gallons.
- The fuel selector valve appeared set to the right tank.
- The pilot reported that she used a dipstick and found 4 gallons in the right tank before the accident flight. She then went flying for 25 minutes before the loss of engine power.
- The pilot demonstrated the use of the dipstick, but couldn't get a reading, and stated that it would not register on the dipstick if there was less than 3 gallons.
- During the examination they were able to drain about 4 1/2 gallons of fuel in total from the airplane, 3 gallons of which they determined was from the right tank.