



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA071

History of communication with the pilot

- On 11/17/2020, the NTSB DO received a notification from the Compton airport manager that N82V, experienced a broken landing gear strut following an emergency landing after the pilot reported a partial loss of engine power. The DO subsequently called the pilot who provided a statement describing the damages and pictures of the damages. After the conversation and examination of the provided photographs, the DO concluded that the damage to the airplane is minor; therefore, it was not classified as an accident.
- On December 9th, the IIC received a phone call from the FAA inspector who inspected the airplane. The FAA relayed to the IIC that the airplane was in fact substantially damaged, so the IIC elevated the incident to an accident. The FAA also said that after he talked to the pilot (few days after the accident), the pilot said that he opened the engine cowling and saw a spark plug #2 on the bottom of the engine compartment.
- The same day, 12/9/2020, the IIC conducted another phone conversation with the pilot and obtained a verbal statement. In addition, the IIC informed the pilot that she will need to retain the spark plug for further examination (which she received from the FAA a few days later). The IIC asked pilot if he would prefer to receive a 6120 via email or via Mail; the pilot said that he would prefer the form to be mailed to him. The IIC mailed the form the same day and followed it by the email letting the pilot know that the form has been sent out and that the pilot should receive it tomorrow.
- On January 9, 2021, the IIC contacted the pilot to ask for the status of the form; No response was provided.
- On 25 January, the IIC called the pilot again and sent an email to the pilot asking about the form. The pilot did not return a phone call or an email. After discussing this matter with her supervisor, it was decided that the NTSB will not further investigate this accident.