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Josh,

After installing a new propeller, I attempted a restart of my engine a few moments ago.

Without hesitation, as I've anticipated, the engine fired up immediately.

Recall that I've postulated that I'd inadvertently closed one (or two) of the rocker switches controlling the ECU, the ignition coils, or fuel igniters when either (1) securing the LG in the down and locked position, or (2) with my left hand on the control stick, moving to full-forward stick position to counter the nose-high attitude resulting from the lowering of the flaps...(flaps and LG being interconnected)...

With the aircraft fuselage on its trailer (sans wings) with the LG down, I have not been able to simulate lowering the flaps & LG. However, when gripping the control stick and moving it to a full-forward stick position, it is possible to close the rocker switch controlling the ECU...an action which results in an immediate engine stoppage.

It's my opinion that this is what occurred back on April 13th.

Fred

On May 25, 2022, at 9:09 AM, Cawthra Joshua [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Fred!

Josh

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