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Subject: WPR23LA294 / Memorandum for Record / Email from the
Pilot/owner

In an email dated August 4, 2023, the pilot reported that he and a representative from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participated in the recovery of the airplane. The pilot reported that during the recovery 5 gallons of fuel was removed from the left wing and about 3.5 gallons of fuel was removed from the right wing. He reported fuel staining below the carburetor and provided two photographs that showed blue stains on the inside of sheet metal, assumed to be the wrap cowls.

The pilot provided a theory of what could have happened and suspected the carburetor floats were no longer functioning properly and had possibly filled with fuel.