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Contact: Christopher Ghazarian, pilot

The following is a synopsis of a telephone conversation with Mr. Ghazarian:

He stated that typically, the airplane was tough to start on cold days and that in recent weeks before the accident, the carb heat seemed to "just stop working." He said that from a few weeks before the accident, he was getting less than full travel from the carb heat knob and couldn't get the carb heat to "turn all the way on." When he talked to maintenance personnel about the problem, they initially dismissed the concern, and then informed him a few days later of a partial fix. He was told that they (maintenance) had adjusted something so that the knob would stop about 70% of the way to the "on" stop and that this was the new "on."

He also stated that multiple CFIs had expressed to him that they were uncomfortable in the airplane, and that his own CFI had banned him from performing certain maneuvers while flying solo, due to his concerns.