



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date Interviewed: 7/16/2019, 2:30 pm
Person Interviewed: William Gossley, FAA Coordinator/Harrisburg WV FSDO
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA224

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Inspector Gossley called to report that he had been out to inspect the airplane.
- He reported that he found water throughout the fuel system and recovered about 1 cup of water during the inspection.
- He found water in the main tanks at the fuel sumps and throughout the fuel system. The gascolator was full of water.
- He stated that the pilot reported that the airplane fuel tanks had been less than half full and the aircraft had been outside in the heat.
- The pilot reported that he sumped the fuel until there was no water, then fueled the airplane, then took off.
- Inspector Gossley removed the cowling and noted that the firewall and engine mounts are damaged.



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Date Interviewed: 7/18/2019, 8:40 am
Person Interviewed: William Gossley, FAA Coordinator/Harrisburg WV FSDO
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The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Inspector Gossley called to discuss the examination of the airplane.
- He reported that both engine mounts were bent and will need replacement and that the firewall was damaged.
- Since this was a home-built aircraft, he had the owner and another builder of the same model from the area at the scene during his investigation.
- He had the owner sump the tanks and gascolator and found water in both tanks and at the gascolator.
- He also had the airport manager sample the fuel at the airport. There was no water in those airport fuel tank and the airplanes that fueled before and after the accident airplane had no issues.