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An hour after I put mine down in that field I had 20 people from the flying club, the EAA chapter and an L- bird club at the airport including at least 3 A&P mechanics examining and dismantling my L-16. To trailer it back to the airport.

The A&P'S. Called a guy named Bill Pancake. He's the L-16 guru I'm told. He's rebuilt 50 of them. Apparently, there is a known problem with the fuel cap on these planes. The original cap isn't available, and the one most commonly used in its place in a certain way its screwed on ... if it was just topped off. Can block the vent. That causes a vacuum... and engine out after about 15 min later. As did mine.

Two FAA inspectors came out to check my airplane a couple of times. They believe that is what happened.