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Good Morning Scott,

I've just received a phone call from the mechanic in Zelianople who's been working occasionally on the Champ. He has discovered something a bit more substantial as to why the engine quit. From the photos he sent, pieces of the air filter gasket appear to have migrated into the carburetor intake. Please note the folded pieces of gasket material in the carburetor intake.

I'll be amending the FAA Form 8020-23 with this new information.

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Photo 1 – The condition of the air filter gasket, as found by Chuck Potts, supervising mechanic. Note gasket seal is missing from the top of the air filter (Chuck Potts photo)}



Photo 2 – Carburetor intake. Note the air filter gasket in the throat (Chuck Potts photo)



Photo 3 – Another view of the carburetor intake with a piece of the air filter gasket in the throat (Chuck Potts photo)