

Fox Todd

From: Edward.Janos [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 1:59 PM
To: Fox Todd
Subject: FW: 269D config."A"

Todd,

Below is statement from the mechanic who maintains this aircraft. His name is Mike Bulifant and he works for Bijan Air. Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Bulifant [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Janos, Edward (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: 269D config."A"

Hello Steve,

I went out to Chris Salow's place to look at a possible oil leak problem. When I got there, there was a small amount of oil on the ground coming from the exhaust stack collector. Knowing this is common when a aircraft hasn't been ran for awhile... I added a 1/2 quart of oil to the engine oil tank to bring it up. We then pushed it outside for a run up to see if it would burn oil, leak oil, throw a chip light or if we could see any abnormalities in the engine oil pressure or temp. For about a minute or less at start up, it smoked white smoke as it burned off the oil that had collected in the exhaust collector. The smoke cleared up as we continued to run at idle for 5 minutes. Seeing no abnormalities, I had him go to 100% for 5 minutes as we monitored engine gauges and watched for any signs of leaking oil. None noted at that time and all gauges were in the green with no caution lights. Chris went back to idle for the 2 minute cool down then shut the aircraft down and we put it back in the hanger. I looked the engine over to see if anything had changed then packed my tools up, this gave the oil time to settle so that I could check it in the sight glass. It was at the full mark and no more oil was added at that time. I told Chris to monitor the floor to see if oil appeared and if it does we will go from there. Chris contacted me a few days later and stated he saw some oil again on the floor. I told him that it most likely is the #5 bearing seal and that we should change it. He agreed and said it would probably be easier to have the repair done there at Bijan Air. I agreed and said if you do decide to bring it to Bijan Air, do exactly what we did when I was out there before, to make sure it is okay to fly and make sure the oil is serviced properly. He said I will and I'll call before coming. A few days later he left a message on my office phone saying he was on his way and will be there within the hour. About a hour and a half later I got the phone call that it had crashed.

Mike