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**Subject:** WPR24LA216, N517PB  
**Contact:** James Ketcham, Pilot

In a phone interview, Mr. Ketcham was asked why he did not re-deploy the powered glider's engine. Mr. Ketcham stated that the propeller takes about 20 seconds to extend, which would have been too long given his rate of descent. Furthermore, he stated the engine is only able to provide a 300-ft-per-minute climb, which would not have been able to adequately offset the 1000-ft-per-minute descent.