

Banning Brice

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 2:34 PM
To: Banning Brice
Subject: Re: N68AX

Hi Brice,

As per your request, attached are five photos of a very sad-looking, "relaxed Skylane" lying on it's back.

Essentially what happened is as follows:

On Monday, May 28, 2018, being a nice day to fly, Lyle Martin (the owner of the aircraft) and I decided to fly out to Yerington Municipal Airport (O43), Yerington, Nevada to get fuel. Prior to the final landing, we did a few touch and go landings at Yerington Muni. The last landing — which was intended to be a full stop to top the aircraft off with fuel, and then return to Reno — was conventional in all ways — that is to say, airspeed and attitude and all else was totally under control. The airplane touched down relatively gently on the mains in the center of the runway. When the nose wheel touched down the aircraft swerved aggressively to the left and departed the runway (Runway 20). We were unable to correct that movement. Yerington's runway is a bit raised and the incline to the sides of the runway consists of soft sand and weeds. On encountering the sand, the aircraft flipped over on to it's back (as you can see it in the attached photos). I have no explanation as to what caused the aggressive turn to the left. Mark, the FAA examiner on the scene, indicated, in his opinion, the nose wheel was canted (90 degrees) to the direction of flight, which, of course, if correct, would explain the cause.

That's it from my perspective. I hope that's what you were looking for.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

By the way, due to their size, I may have to send the photos separately so you just may end up with five emails from me.

Sincerely,

Don Berman

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