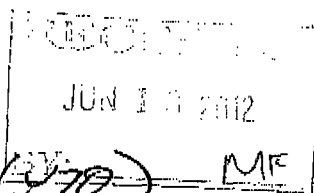


Date.

May 29th 2011

Location

Ionia County Airport (G-20)



witness name.

Mathew M Kuhns

comm pilot
4-P/IA

glider - "PC"

pilot (N127PC)

Tim Gossfeld

(Region 6th north glider contest 2012)

at 3:50 in the afternoon after the launch of both classes of gliders. I observed PC returning to 170 from the East. He was travelling at a very slow ground speed (wind G-28) as he got closer it looked as if he sideslipped and lined up with ^{Rwy} 27. Looking to fly a strut in approach, at around 200' instead of pulling Spoilers to land he made a 90° turn to the South as if to work a thermal lower Rwy 18/36. The wind was pushing him hard and he initiated a turn to the left as if to enter a left downwind. at this point the left wing dropped followed by the nose drooping almost to the vertical position (strut down) taking him to a northerly heading. at this point he was 3 times the tree height. it looked as if he tried to regain control as the roll of the wings sloped and the nose started coming up slightly. He entered the trees at about a 60° angle.

I then made my way the 275 yards to the crash site. upon arriving I observed the glider fuselage on its side, cockpit area facing away from the plowed field, approx 10 yards into the trees.

WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

Please Print

Place of Incident:

Y70

Witness Name:

Tiffany Fidler

Date:

5/29/12

Mailing Address:

Zip Code

Time of Incident:

~ 3:40 PM

Aircraft No.

Color

white

Other description

PC tail ID

Telephone: (Home)

(Work)

Tell in your own words what you saw and heard before and at the time the incident occurred.

I was standing at the 18-36 and 9-27 intersection at the side of the 27 launch area. I saw the glider low (below 400-500 feet) above and just past the trees on the southeast corner. The glider was south of 27. The left wing of the aircraft maybe was lifted slightly. The aircraft did a steep left turn and the left wing dropped to point downward and the glider then started to stall and ~~roll~~ started to nose over and went into the trees. It almost seemed like he was doing a last turn to a base-final for 27. I immediately called 911 and began going towards the wreckage area.

Witness Signature:

Date:

5/29/12

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