

ACCIDENT STATEMENT: of Freddie Garner for Glastar accident on Saturday, May 2, 2015:

At approximately 1500 hours on Saturday, May 2, 2015 I departed Moriarity airport [0e0] New Mexico. Intended destination was to be Roswell [ROW] New Mexico.

Weather conditions at departure were good VMC. Surface wind was virtually calm. Glider towing operations were in progress just prior to my takeoff, due to VMC weather conditions at the airport.

During initial climb, very light 'chop' was encountered at approximately 500 ~ 600 ft. AGL. at a distance of approximately 5 ~ 5 1/2 miles from airport.

At approximately six [6] miles from the airport, at an approximate altitude of 700' AGL, an extreme clear-air Micro-burst of sudden turbulence was encountered.

There was no visible cloud or other weather activity, but the VSI showed approximately 4,000 ft. / min. descent rate which could not be arrested despite full application of engine power.

At approximately 50 ~ 75 feet AGL, power was retarded, aircraft was 'flared' and forced landing was made.

The aircraft impacted the ground and rolled nose over onto it's back. Pilot escaped through the pilot's entrance door.

Pilot was transported by emergency ambulance to Hospital.

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