

July 4th , 5th and 6th., 2018

We purchased a Bell 47G2 spray helicopter and the associated nurse truck with tanks, pumps and all set up for agriculture spraying. We had been spraying water in the Mooresville, IN area to get used to the helicopter, spray system and the Trimble Ag sprayer navigational system. Had a few little sprayer glitches. We put new spray nozzles on and new screens. It was working pretty well. Kerry Lee and I, Gerald Goldsberry, would fly it together, since I was new at the Ag spraying. He was giving me tips on how to do it properly. He had Ag spraying experience with an airplane, but not the helicopter. We both picked it up and felt confident in the operation.

The first paying job was July 4-2018 in the Greensburg, IN area. We sprayed for 5-½ hours that day for CPS Crop Services. We had a good day. Kerry flew the helicopter back to my home, because the weather forecast was for rain on the 5th. We spent that day going over the helicopter, cleaning blades and greasing, just doing general maintenance. We worked on the nurse truck, changed an electrical switch for the fuel tank transfer pumps that was intermittent.

On Friday, the 6th., we got to the Kuhn farm by Gwenville, IN at 9:45 am. We loaded our truck with chemicals from the CPS truck that was waiting for us. The first few loads of chemical were light loads, 30 gallons to see how the helicopter reacted to the cooler temperatures. Then we bumped the loads up to 50 gallons per run. The helicopter was flying and running great. Kerry was making about a 20 minute turn around.

We broke for lunch and went to Rushville and got food at Hardee's.

Kerry had made arrangements with a company out of Minnesota to come down and help us spray, because at the last minute, all the customers he had talked to gave us their work and it was more than we could handle in the short corn spraying time. They got there at 3:00 and talked to Kerry about spraying the next day. They went to Shelbyville airport to leave the helicopter for the night and

were going to a motel. Kerry told them when we got done for the day that he would call them and set up a time to meet the next day.

The last load I put 50 gallons of chemical in the tanks and Kerry fueled the helicopter. He lifted off at 4:55. At 5:30 he wasn't back. At 5:45, I and our helper Mark Friday went looking for him. We knew the field location that he was spraying, about 1-1/4 miles south of our loading area. We didn't see him or the helicopter. We thought we had seen some light smoke. We moved to a different location and didn't see anything.

I called a good friend that flies gyroplanes out of Shelbyville airport and asked if he would fly our way and look for Kerry and the helicopter. He is also a Reserve Shelby County Deputy. He called the sheriff's department for additional help. Brent, my friend, spotted the wreckage from the air as well as another helicopter that came over to help.

Kerry was cheerful and happy that everything was going well for the day for this new venture in life with the helicopter.


Gerald Goldsberry

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