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Hi

I talked with Heath Simmer today, he was at the airport. This is a summary of what he said.

He went out to the airport, Mr. Lutz, had texted him when he left Augusta, (so he knew about when Mr. Lutz would arrive).

He was located on the south end of the N-S runway, Mr. Lutz generally tied down on the south side; he noted it was a hot day.

He knew the pilot had flown into the airport a handful of times; that he generally flew over the runway look to at condition, wind [sock], etc.

He heard/saw the airplane come from the south,, and head N/NE,, came past him,, could see him in the airplane, engines sounds, couldn't recall if the gear was down, he then climbed higher and started his left turn, about 1-2 seconds after starting the turn, the airplane flipped inverted, nose then went down. As the airplane descended the terrain blocked his view. He was surprised the airplane had crashed up right (since he couldn't see the airplane after the descent) . Saw the smoke and started to drive down the runway, but realized it was further off then the runway, called 911.

When asked, he said he didn't recall anything that seemed abnormal/different about this approach/landing.

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