

On October 13th 2018,

I met graham at Starbucks around approximately 11:47 a.m. We talked and discussed the plan for me riding in two different planes that day with him and his friend (Leon Brodie). Graham exclaimed how excited he was, and explained to me how fun and reliable the Cessna had been for him to fly before. The official plan was going to ride with Graham in the Cessna 120 from Van Aire Airpark in Brighton over to their hanger in Greeley. Once we arrived in Greeley I would switch planes and ride with Leon in a faster Plane. Graham was explaining to me the second plane would be more comparable to a roller coaster. We then left Starbucks, and headed to Van Aire Airpark to Leon's house.

We arrived to Leon's house at approximately 1:30 p.m. Leon wasn't home yet so we waited for him to arrive. While waited we walked down the runway behind Leon's house. Graham was attempting to explain how wind affects the speed needed for a plane to take-off. Then Leon arrived shortly after us, and we walked again down the runway behind his house over to his hanger. In the hanger was Leon's Cessna 120 tail-dragger which I took some pictures of the plane before they rolled it out of the hanger. Together Graham and Leon rolled the plane out of the hanger, and while they were rolling it Leon asked Graham something about the wind/weather coming in. According to the forecast snow was coming later in the evening. Graham showed me an app on his phone and explained to me this is what some pilots use to track weather, wind speed, and other mechanisms that are helpful.

Graham and Leon then discussed the plan on flying over the hanger in Greeley where Leon's other plane awaited. Leon was going to follow me and graham in another red plane over to Greeley. Before leaving Graham needed to grab his headsets. Leon walked back to his house me and Graham got in the plan driving it right to the back of Leon's house and garage with a hanger. While Graham was running to grab headsets Leon cleaned the window of the Cessna. Once Graham returned to the plane with headsets we both put them on checked the sound and drove out onto the runway. We then started down the Runway preparing to fly, once we were up in the air Graham began pointing out sights. There was Platte Valley Airpark which Graham was going to attempt a practice landing. We flew over the runway and turned around heading back the same direction that's when it happened.

Heading in the opposite direction over Platte Valley Airpark just 3 minutes after getting up in the air the plane went quiet. The engine had gone off Graham immediately started pushing buttons fighting for the engine to return. For a quick second it came on again then went right back off again. We were going down literally, and right before we crashed I saw the corn field in front of me then boom everything was black, when I regained my conciseness I was dangling by a lap restraint and blood was everywhere. I could hear Graham calling my name, and saying unbuckle the seat belt. I couldn't see or feel my right eye, and that's when I know I needed help. I unbuckled the seatbelt and fought my way free from the plane.

Once out of the plane I could hear Graham on the phone. I found my way around the plane, and over to Graham. He (Graham) was talking to Leon saying "I crashed the plane" he (Graham) then expected me to walk what seemed like over a mile to the Platte valley hanger. Bloody bruised and confused I began staggering my way behind him (Graham). Still on the phone he encouraged me to keep going on the journey to the hanger. I remember just stopping bloody, bruised, and confused telling myself I can't do it. Graham looked back and advised me to keep going and saying I'm a soldier don't give up we have to make it.

Once we arrived at the hanger Leon pulled up in his tesla car, and I dropped inside the back seat. Leon conveyed to Graham we both needed medical attention immediately he began his drive to the hospital. Leon dropped us off at the doors of the hospital. I stumbled up to the receptionist desk and asked them for help explaining I was just in a plane crash. They took both of us through a set of double doors back into the emergency room. Graham and I were both seen, while Leon went back to the plane for further inspection of the damages. After numerous CT scans, x-rays, and tests I was transferred away from Graham to Denver health. There I was seen by a variety of doctors and specialist I was going to need reconstructive surgery on my eye. Those were the events on Saturday October 13th, 2018 in order from before, during, and after the crash as I, Alexis Wilson recall.