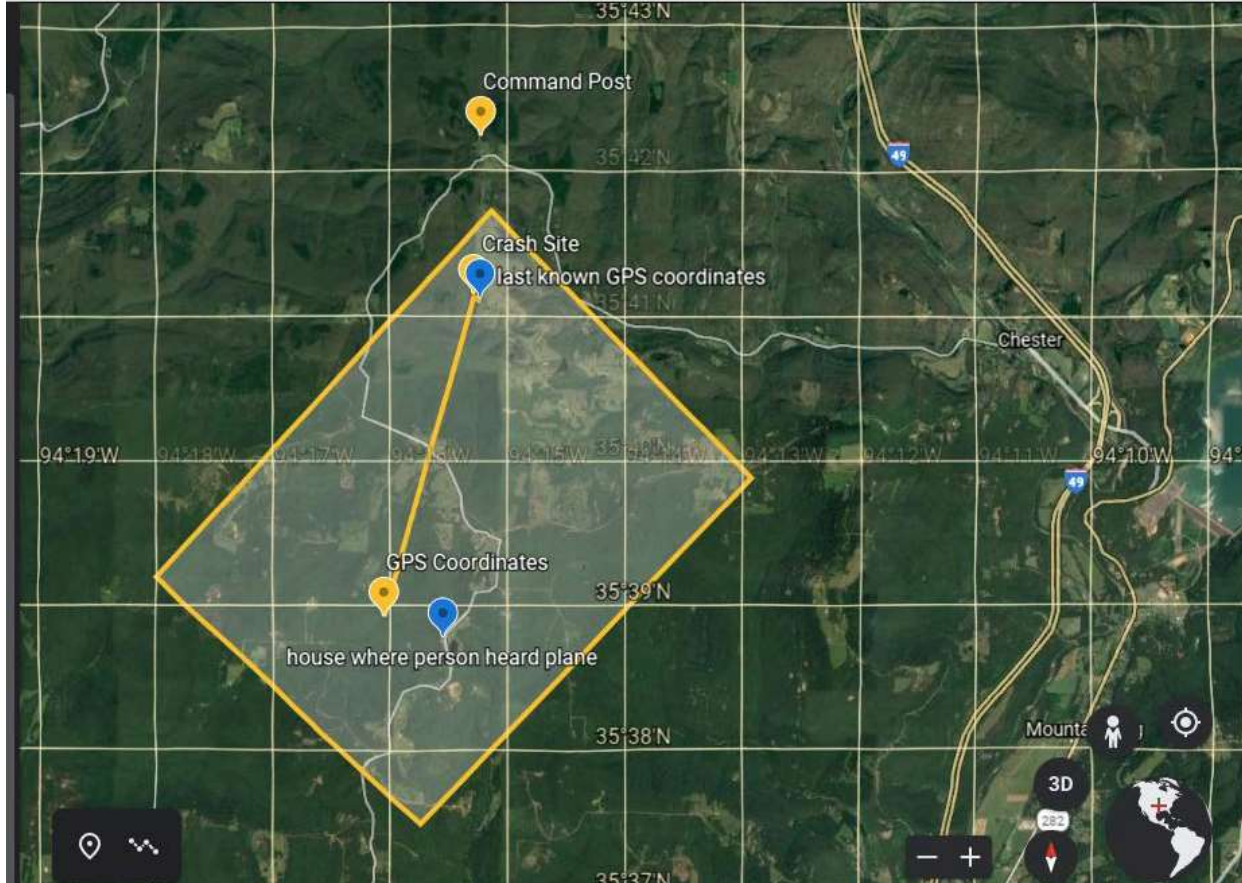


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Hi, I was the one who saw the radar anomaly around the time of the crash. I assisted search and rescue and also laid out a search area based off the original radar data that I had. The radar anomaly showed that the image was approximately 2.7-3.0 miles from where the first eye witness information came in about the plane. I'm putting this out there since I'm no longer a SAR member, but a tracker, do weather radar analysis, former law enforcement officer of 10 years, and FEMA certified incident management and response certified.

From the persons home who had info on the plane, myself, and my twin brother who grew up in these hills smelled a burning smell at or around the area of Old 88 near the first area of interest where the homeowner said he heard the plane to his west. We began searching there, but my archived radar image kept showing me from the home that the anomaly was still NW at 2.7-3.0 miles NW of our location. I couldn't get the local volunteer responders to go look that direction, and from my understanding they didn't have the authority to go look anywhere else. From two separate coordinates I was given once we got to the command center located at Number 12 Church, I built the search grid from the radar imagery, and had the responders look at it, but after several hours of us all waiting they called it off around 4:30. I had planned on getting them to search the area of the GPS coordinates we were given that I entered and marked onto the associated search area. Once I got home at 4:45 I realized one of the GPS coordinates that was given to me wasn't right and entered the true value in, and it was within .6 miles from now known crash site, and just 1.28 miles from our command post. Had we got the go ahead to search that area it was due south just 1.28 miles from our location and would have been found that night/morning due to the GPS coordinates only being .6 of a mile from the now known crash site. I've attached the final summary of events, the coordinates, grid, and witnesses home where the search began. I thank you for all your help, I just some how miraculously saw the radar anomaly for a brief moment, and knew something wasn't right due to my knowledge of radar imagery, along with the associated storm. As you know there has been a crash in the vicinity of the now known crash site before near the new Yurt Cabins on the same mountain as the crash site. I'm attaching my final search grid, that includes the home we searched, eyewitness testimony from two homeowners one being the one we searched and the other just SW of the other .96 miles from his home who heard what sounded like a plane having engine problems or sounding like it was "chopping the air". Again thank you for your time, and everything you do. From a medically retired law enforcement officer, and natural disaster search, and rescue member I thank you for your hard work. I also would like to point out a lot of the first responders were willing and ready to search the area NW of where the home was at but Crawford County Sheriffs Office, and a man named Bobby Dean didn't put any thought into my exact positioning of the area of interest which we would have found the plane had we been allowed to search there instead of behind that man's house. I'm attaching the final search area with only the known crash site added, the other markers were there prior to finding the crash site and show how close we would have been if allowed to search there. My only takeaway from this is the responders, and other agencies need to be more open minded about other folks expertise in certain fields, and even though I'm no longer a law enforcement officer, I am still a radar enthusiast and lifelong tracker. The yellow last known coordinates and blue crash site marker look like they're on top of one another in the image but it is because how close in location they are to one another. If I could send the actual map you could zoom in and see they're just .6 of a mile from one another. Only thing I added to this post finding of crash site was the blue crash site marker, all other markers and grid were there that night of the search. I personally built this model and used it for the search along with a few searchers to aid in finding this.



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