



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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FAA Accident Information and Wreckage Examination

Dates: October 6-9, 2020

Location: Accident site

NTSB Accident Number: CEN21LA008

Narrative: FAA Inspector Cory Irwin responded to the accident site and reported the following information.

- The accident happened near Posey Patch Ultralight Flightpark (59II) Mount Vernon, Indiana
- The pilot/owner was in the front seat and the passenger was in the rear seat.
- The accident site was located in the middle of a harvested corn field. It came to rest next to a large irrigation rig but did not appear to contact it.
- The debris path was 103 ft long and 80 ft wide.
- Witnesses stated that the airplane did some sort of a barrel roll or loop maneuver then spiraled to the ground.
- Another witness stated that it sounded like the airplane's engine stopped, then started again during the maneuver. Then when it hit the ground, it sounded like a mortar from a firework.
- Law enforcement stated that there was fuel leaking from the fuel tank at the accident site.
- The fuel tanks were breached but there was still some fuel remaining.
- The airplane was mangled and there were several bends in the tube structure. There was one notable fracture of the tubing on the trailing edge of the wing where the empennage tube structure was connected.
- The flight controls appeared connected and with no anomalies noted, although he wasn't intimately familiar with the setup.
- Other than the previously mentioned structure fracture, he did not observe and anomalies with the airplane or engine.