

**Statement by Ken & Michelle Sorenson re:
Harding Rome's September 12, 2022 Accident**

We live on private property that adjoins North end of the Soaring Club of Houston (SCOH) airport and are members of SCOH. Our address is [REDACTED] The east portion of the glider club's N-S runway extends to the North onto our property and we have a hangar that sits just to the West of the SCOH runway extension.

We were in the process of replacing the windsock on our hangar when Michelle heard and saw Harding's Pipistrel Sinus fly by at roughly pattern altitude on the East side of the SCOH airport headed South. The winds were from the North at 5-10 mph based upon Ken's easily being able to handle the windsock during the installation, as well as the limp hang of the windsock after installation.

The position of the Pipistrel as it flew by was consistent with flying the right downwind leg of the SCOH landing pattern for runway 35. Michelle thought that the Pipistrel Sinus aircraft looked and sounded normal, and its position was normal for the right-hand pattern for runway 35. The standard SCOH landing pattern for powered aircraft is on the east side of the airport. Neither of us heard or saw anything unusual after Michelle saw the initial passage on downwind.

Ken was contacted by Harding's wife at 2:50 p.m. by phone/text saying that Harding had been involved in an airplane accident near SCOH and that EMS was on the way. We went to Howell Rd near the accident site and arrived just after 3:00. There were two ambulances, Sheriff's vehicles, a DPS vehicle, and some local neighbors there when we arrived.

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Ken Sorenson

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9/14/2022
Date