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Contact: Zachary W. Poore, Pilot

Mr. Poore was interviewed via telephone. He stated that he had just purchased the airplane and was going to fly it to his home. He completed one takeoff and landing with no issues. He also stated that he was trying to depart the airport before the winds got worse.

On the second one, he taxied out to runway 33, did his runup, and proceeded to take-off. The airplane got about fifty feet in the air and was hit by a violent variable wind gust that lifted the left wing. The strong head wind and gust then suddenly quit. He stated that at that point, he didn't have enough airspeed due to the gust decreasing his ground speed. The right wing stalled, and he didn't have enough altitude to recover.

Mr. Poore was asked if there were any mechanical problems with the airplane, and he said no. He said that the gust of wind just exceeded the control capabilities of the airplane.