

Pilot: Stephen Vincent

Age: 66

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Aircraft was recovered by Dawsons on Friday. It is totaled.

Pilot Statement:

On May 1st, 2024, at 10:15 AM I Stephen J Vincent was spraying 160-acre field 7 miles north of Countyline flying service with herbicide for rice. It was a rectangular shape with a halfmoon shape on the north end. It had a set of power lines running northeast to southwest on the Eastern half. On the northwest corner in another field across the canal there was a 500 ft tower standing. As I was spraying east and west, I had to avoid the tower when I got closer to the north end when I finished up the field, I had to dress the ends. I started on the west end which was north and south heading toward the tower When I got to the halfmoon end at the north I pulled away from the tower to be able to go around it and spray the halfmoon shape on the Northend. I veered up and right and looked back at my map and looked up and realized I didn't vier hard enough and high enough and stuck the guidelines on the eastern side of the tower and the plane went right into the guide wires and I started to fly for a second and then stared to rotate to the right twice to the right and then nosed dived straight to the ground. I braced for impact. After it stopped, I came out of the window on the left, tried to run but leg was broken then fell and started to crawl away. Person stopped me. Ambulance came then air med came. I was conscious the hole time. I realized my mistake, but at the end God saved me.