

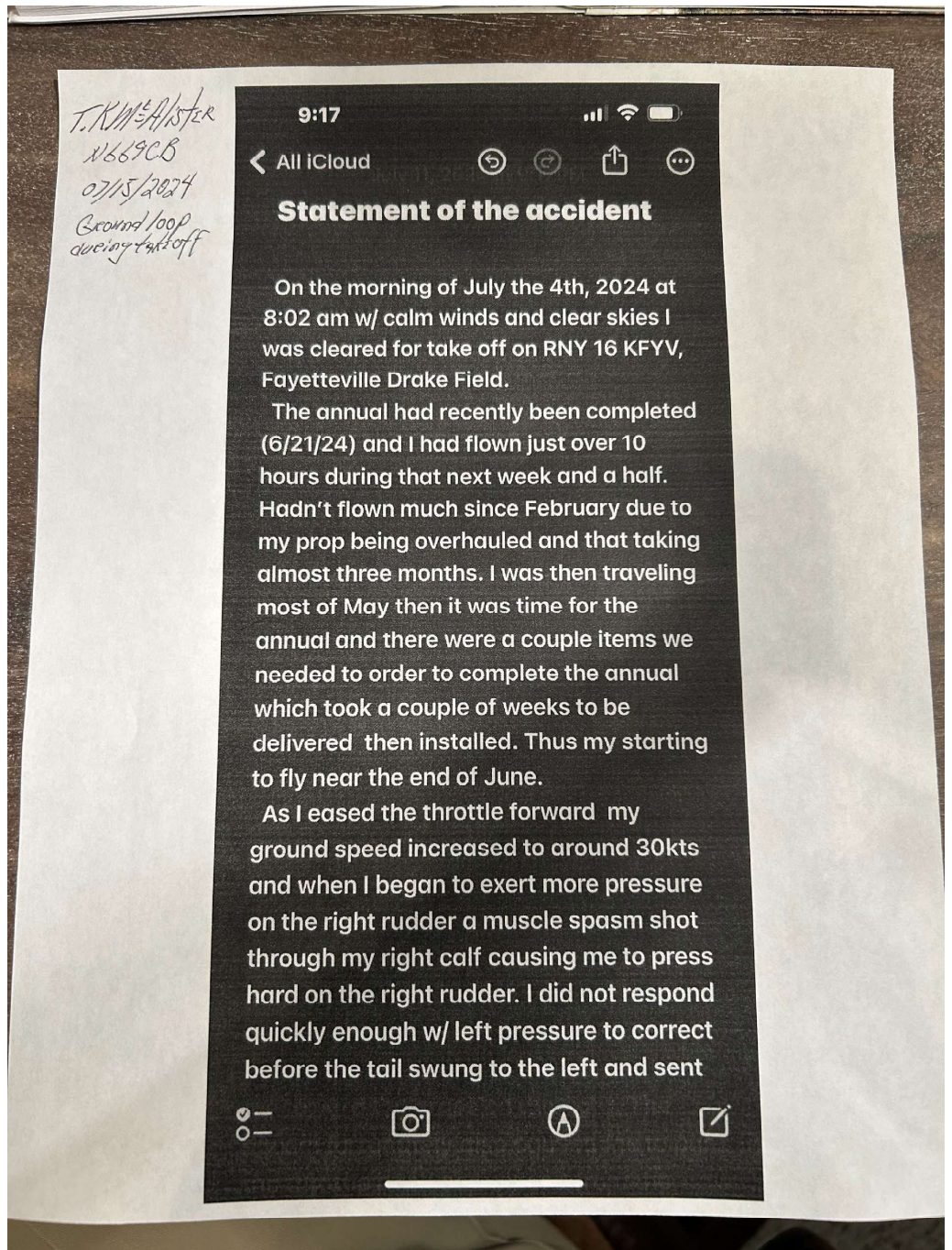
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Jason,

Here's the statement.

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before the tail swung to the left and sent me toward the grass on the right. The spasm fortunately also caused me to pull the throttle back as I winced from the sharp pain.

As I was exiting the runway my left tire caught the concrete edge of a runway taxiway identifier light and snapped the left gear leg off so around I went smacking the left wing, horizontal stab and striking the prop. Classic ground loop.

Whole episode lasted maybe 10 seconds. The cramp was essentially gone when the plane stopped after about 230 degrees into the loop.

So, why did I get the cramp in the first place? This is my thought:

The day before had been a long busy day at my office and I didn't stop to eat lunch. It also happened that I was playing tennis that evening. We finished work a little late so I went straight to tennis w/out dinner. It was around 87 degrees at 6:30pm when we started playing outdoors. Did hydrate w/ water. Couple of hours later I headed home for a shower



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hours later I headed home for a shower and was in bed by 9:30pm.

Thursday the 4th- up about 6:45am. Had a good breakfast (I was hungry) and had a Gatorade along w/ my orange juice.

Headed to the airfield feeling good. Preflighted, pushed the plane out and never felt a thing and never did thru the run up or taxi or holding for departure but as I began to exert more pressure on that right rudder it triggered.

My and other's feelings are that I didn't hydrate enough under those particular circumstances. Probably still a bit tired even after 9 hrs of sleep.

The chain broke.

PS: I was not injured. I take no medication, exercise regularly, don't smoke, or drink.

I've flown this 180 for just over 13 years. Almost 1600 takeoffs and to have this happen is heartbreaking but totally my fault. As a matter of fact, that 180 never let me down in all the places I took the ole fella. Never.

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If I've missed anything please let me
know.

Thanks,

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