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Date: September 10, 2024

Subject: CEN24LA344, N36008

Contact: [REDACTED] pilot's father

ROC 9/10/24 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had injuries that included [REDACTED]

Airplane was owned by LLC (father and son [REDACTED])

Owner: [REDACTED] mobile

[REDACTED] was flying it from Placerville CA to Rifle, CO, (or Glenwood Springs CO) ferry flight for the owners. This was his first time flying it but has many hours in the Citabria and Decathlon. 100-150 ish total hours in these 2 aircraft. [REDACTED] teaches at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1-2 days per week where he sometimes flies the Citabria and super Decathlon

Flew 2 legs from Placerville to Richfield UT - ~4 hours total time. Filled up at self-service in Richfield, topped off. Then about 2-hour flight to Rifle, CO

Airplane is currently north of Rifle CO near exit 87 on I-70 (west Rifle exit) slightly north of US hwy 6. In a field adjacent to the road

Garfield CO Sheriff put yellow caution tape nearby.

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Date: September 12, 2024
Subject: CEN24LA344, N36008
Contact: [REDACTED], witness on-scene after the accident

The following is a summary of a phone conversation with Mr. [REDACTED]:

He heard about the accident from a friend who was concerned that the airplane belonged to Mr. [REDACTED] since he owns a red and white Champ. He traveled to the site to help and while on scene he met the airplane owner. Mr. [REDACTED] lives about 20 miles from the site and arrived about 2 hours after the accident occurred. The airplane appeared in beautiful condition and looked to be taken care of very well.

Initial impact was ~20 ft from the airplane. Appeared to be a mostly straight down impact with just enough forward momentum to slide 20 ft and nose over.

He crawled under the wings, pulled the fuel caps off both tanks and didn't see any fuel in either tank. No smell of fuel that might have leaked out. Fuel caps were sealed very well. Didn't examine anything else other than the fuel caps while on scene.

He surmised that the pilot probably had to fly over the high power lines near the accident site due to the accident site and where the airplane had flown in from. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The ground impact appeared to be significant.

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