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Subject: CEN25LA271
Contact: James Barchie, Accident Pilot

I spoke with the pilot in the days following the accident by phone and the following is a summary of the phone call from my notes.

The pilot took off on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at about 1300, from Soaring Club of Houston Gliderport (89TA), Waller, Texas. The pilot reported he was unable to maintain enough altitude to return to 89TA and diverted to Perkins-Prothro Cimarron Ranch Airport (5TE4), Kerrick, Texas, which was a closed airport. While rolling out on landing the glider's right wing hit a green fence post that was not readily visible in the vegetation along the side of the runway.

The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the glider that would have precluded normal operation.