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Contact: Terry Longton, Owner N65176

Mr. Longton is the owner of N65176, a Quad City Challenger that was involved in an accident at the Thompsonville Airport (7Y2). He stated that the pilot was interested in purchasing the airplane and wanted to take it for a flight. Due to weight considerations, the owner remained on the ground and allowed the pilot to fly solo. The pilot had told the owner that he had time in Challengers.

He stated that he only had 1 flight in the airplane back in July 2025. The airplane appeared to require constant right rudder inputs in order to maintain straight flight. He said that he informed the pilot about the need for right rudder. The owner was surprised that the pilot did not perform some initial "crow hops" to get a feel for the airplane before departing.

Prior to the pilot's flight he had placed a flight manual in the airplane. When asked about where it was found after the accident, he responded that a firefighter had collected the flight manual and returned it to the owner, but that he did not know where the firefighter had retrieved the manual from.

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