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Subject: CEN26LA180, N422T, Collision with power line

Contact: [REDACTED], accident pilot

On April 25, 2026, about 1930 central daylight time, a Just Aircraft JA-30, N422T, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Hartville, Missouri. The pilot sustained serious injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The following is a summary of a telephone interview with the pilot:

He received a private pilot certificate in February or March of 2025, and had a single engine land rating with a tailwheel endorsement. He had over 300 hours total time, about 100 hours in a Cessna 172, and a couple hundred hours in the accident airplane.

Before the accident, he was flying with his son. His son got out after landing, and he wanted to complete a few landings before he parked the airplane. He did not remember the accident at all. He did not remember the circumstances that led to the airplane hitting the power lines, but he feels like he might have lost a situational awareness or just made a mistake, but he just doesn't know. He was not the type of pilot to fly low at 15 ft near power lines. Since this grass strip was on his property, he was aware of the power lines and frequently flew over them during takeoff and landing.

We discussed the closest weather report from Springfield, Missouri, which reported wind from 160° at 16 knots, gusting to 24 knots. He stated that the wind was not that bad during the accident flight. He remembered that his Dynon avionics showed wind about 4 mph from the south and the density altitude was almost 4,000 ft. He added

that it was possible that the airplane flew through a pocket of air that allowed the airplane to descend quickly.

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