

August 24, 2017

Federal Aviation Administration

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the Champ that had a forced landing by the KCQF on August 18, 2017 at approximately 5:00 pm. Joe Baggett (PIC) was practicing wheel landings and touch-in goes at KCQF. I, Michael Taloney, was riding in the back seat. On the 5th or 6th touch-in-go the aircraft was climbing out, he initiated a left-cross wind turn at approximately 500 feet and at 600 feet the engine quit. Joe rolled right and lined up on the cotton field, while trying to get the engine restarted. The engine came back a few times for a brief moment and immediately quit again. He set up for the emergency landing. At around 175 to 200 feet the engine came back. We believed at that point we could make it back to the airport and initiated a climbing right turn to the airport. At that moment the engine quit again. I immediately out of training I shoved the stick forward to prevent the aircraft from stalling. The aircraft dissented rapidly, just before the initial impact I abruptly pulled back on the stick to arrest the decent. The right main caught the soft dirt first which spun the plane slightly right and came to an abrupt stop. We evacuated the aircraft and made our way away from it and called for help.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at [REDACTED]

Best Regards,


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Michael Tony Taloney