



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: October 16, 2018
Person Contacted: Scott Olson

This investigator interviewed Mr. Olson by telephone. He had spoken with the pilot of N9855B, Dennis Hertstein, and he stated the following:

- After installing concrete columns in a field, the pilot attempted to depart the field, he started the departure run into the wind.
- Shortly after liftoff he attempted a small right hand turn to avoid the tree line and impacted a concrete column.
- He had experience taking off on grass before, but had not left enough room to gain enough altitude for obstacle clearance. There were no mechanical problems with the airplane.
- The right wing and fuselage were substantially damaged.