



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Pilot Statement

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Date: September 1, 2020
Person Contacted: John F Williamson (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA300

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

Mr. Williamson stated he conducted a preflight of the airplane and found nothing abnormal. He was conducting the first glider tow of the day and departed Massey Aerodrome (MD1) Massey, Maryland. He stated he departed with the glider and flew further away from the airport than normal. On the return back to MD1 he stated that he was having difficulty locating the runway and kept circling the area looking for the grass runway, He saw a low area and felt he was over the runway, but was actually over the corn. He stated "I let myself get too low and the thing (airplane) stalled" at that point I could see I was in the corn and not the grass runway, "it just pulled the thing (airplane) right down". Mr. Williamson also stated that there were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.