

Accident Statement

not 20

He took off on Runway 2, things were normal until his engine quit at estimated 300' AGL. He did a left turn to get back to the runway and about half way through the turn his plane stalled and dropped straight down at the ground. A knoll blocked my view of him crashing but I saw debris go up about 30' in the air.

I caught a few wheelers to the crash site and a man was hanging out the cockpit with serious injuries. The medic guy was already there and was organizing help for him, so I left the area and stayed out of emergency services' way.

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: 1-5-20

Time - (in ZULU): _____

Temp: _____

Dew Point: _____

Altimeter: 30.00

Visibility: 10+sm

Density Altitude: _____

Wind: 200009

Sky: clear

Present Weather: _____

Lightning: _____

Name: Queen Lynn

Signature: _____

Date: 1-6-20

Time: _____

Accident Statement

At @ 12:45 pm, Sunday January 5, 2020 I witnessed a based RV6, N4120PW prepare for departure on Runway 02. The wind was out of the South at @ 6 kts. He lifted off just South of mid field, Climbing out on runway heading. Just North of mid field, I heard the engine make a loud "POF" sound followed by no further engine noise. He was @ 400 feet AGL when he banked, steeply, to the right to return to runway 20. The plane then pitched up, stalled and went into a spin. I believe I counted 2 rotations when it then pitched straight down and impacted the ground between the windsock and AWOS tower, sending up a cloud of dirt and debris. I immediately called 9-1-1 and reported a crashed aircraft on the field. Then per our (EAP) Emergency Action Plan, called the Airport manager Ben Harrison and secured the gate to the ramp for EMS. There was no fire or movement from the accident scene. Once the Airport manager arrived, I handed the scene off to him.

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: 1-5-2020

Time - (in ZULU): 1845

Temp: _____

Dew Point: _____

Altimeter: _____

Visability: _____

Density Altitude: _____

Wind: _____

Sky: _____

Present Weather: _____

Lightning: _____

Name: Matt Earnest

Signature: _____

Date: 1-5-2020

Time: 1900

Accident Statement

At approx 12:30PM 01-05-2020 while inside Air Base 15 base I heard an airplane departing to the North I noticed what heard like the engine sputtering and then a loud pop. I walked to the door of our base and before going outside heard a loud noise as if something hit the ground. I did not see the aircraft hit the ground but as I stepped outside I saw an airplane on the ground just North West of the wind sock. I immediately notified my Nurse and Medic we had a plane down. I then got in my vehicle and drove to the downed plane. I approached the plane from the pilot side and saw the left seat passenger had fatal injuries. I then went to the right side of the aircraft and saw that the right side passenger had fatal injuries as well. Neither had a pulse. I then attempted to locate the master switch and fuel cut off but could not find them because of damage to the cockpit. My Medical Crew then arrived and I got out of the way.

[Redacted Signature]

Air Base Pilot

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: _____
Time - (in ZULU): _____
Temp: _____
Dew Point: _____
Altimeter: _____
Visability: _____
Density Altitude: _____
Wind: _____
Sky: _____
Present Weather: _____
Lightning: _____

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____

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Accident Statement

AIRCRAFT departed Runway 2 Engine Run Normal
Climbed Runway heading until about 700 Feet, Engine
made a loud pop pilot then lowered nose & turned to the
left at about a 90° nose dropped went straight down!

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: 1-5-2020
Time - (in ZULU):
Temp: 56°
Dew Point:
Altimeter:
Visibility: clear
Density Altitude:
Wind: 700 @ 10
Sky: clear
Present Weather:
Lightning:

Name: James Mezzell

Signature: [Redacted]

Date: 1-5-2020

Time: 1:23 PM

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Accident Statement

PILOT WAS DEPARTING DOWNWIND ON RUNWAY 2. ENGINE "POPPED" OR BACKFIRED AT APPROXIMATELY 250 - 350 FT AND WENT IDLE FOR A BRIEF TIME (1 - 2 SECONDS). PILOT RESTARTED ENGINE OR FEATHERED THE THROTTLE AND THE ENGINE REGAINED POWER FOR 1 - 2 SECONDS. PILOT MADE AN ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO THE DEPARTING RUNWAY BY MAKING A VERY STEEP TURN (+/- 90°). FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE PLANE STALLED AND FELL TO THE GROUND FROM AN ALTITUDE OF +/- 350' - 400'.

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: 1-5-2020

Time - (in ZULU): 12:45 P.M.

Temp: 52°

Dew Point: _____

Altimeter: _____

Visability: _____

Density Altitude: _____

Wind: _____

Sky: CLEAR

Present Weather: _____

Lightning: _____

Name: CHRIS LINDSEY

Signature: _____

Date: 1-5-2020

Time: 1:35 PM

Accident Statement

I witnessed a homebuilt plane
depart Runway 2. I was taxiing out
to Runway 20. Winds were 220 @ 6.

THE Departing Plane CRASHED STRAIGHT IN
just left of Runway 2 and about 85%
down the Runway.

I shut down my plane & walked to
crash site where it appeared a male &
a female WERE DECEASED.

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: Jan 5, 2020

Time - (in ZULU):

Temp: 11°C 52°F

Dew Point: -1°C 30°F

Altimeter:

Visibility: 10 SM (CLEAR SKIES)

Density Altitude:

Wind: 220 kts.

Sky: Clear

Present Weather: Clear

Lightning:

Name: WAYNE MOORE

Signature: [Redacted]

Date: 1-5-2020

Time: 1515 GMT (1915Z)

Accident Statement

I Garrison Smith did not directly see the accident. I was in the Wallace State Flight school during the time of the accident. Seconds after the accident I walked into the FBO and saw people running towards the north end of the field. I immediately started to run in case assistance was needed. I did not touch any wreckage or help out as there was on site emergency teams.

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: ~~Nov~~ Jan 5 ~~Nov~~ 2020

Time - (in ZULU): 19:00 Z

Temp: 52 F

Dew Point: 11

Altimeter: 30.27

Visability: 10 SM

Density Altitude:

Wind: 200 @ 07 kts

Sky: Clear below 12,000 feet

Present Weather: None

Lightning: None

Name: Garrison Smith

Signature: 

Date: Jan 5 2020

Time: 1:17 PM

Accident Statement

1/5/2020 AT APPROXIMATELY 12:47 PM today I received a call from airport
line man MATT EARNEST. HE TOLD ME THERE HAD BEEN AN ACCIDENT AND I NEED
TO COME TO THE AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY. HE TOLD ME TYGER HAD CRASHED. LIE ALL
KNOW TYGER AS HE IS A REGULAR HERE AT THE AIRPORT. I STARTED TOWARD THE AIRPORT.
I NOTIFIED THE MAYOR (AIRPORT BOARD CHAIRMAN) AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
(AIRPORT BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN) THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ACCIDENT, BUT I DID NOT
KNOW THE DETAILS. THOSE CALLS TOOK PLACE AT APPROX: 12:50 PM AND 12:53 PM. I SPOKE
WITH MATT EARNEST AGAIN AND MADE SURE HE HAD A GATE OPENED. MATT HAD INFORMED
ME ON THE INITIAL CALL THAT HE HAD CALLED 911. I ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT AND
IMMEDIATELY WENT TO THE SITE. ONCE AT THE SITE I REALIZED THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION.
EMERGENCY SERVICES WERE ALREADY ON SCENE. I CAME BACK TO THE TERMINAL AND GOT THE
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN BOOK. AT 1:04 PM I SPOKE WITH THE AIRPORT ATTORNEY. ALSO AT 1:04 PM
I SPOKE W/ SHERIFF GENTRY. AT 1:10 PM I ISSUED A NOTAM TO CLOSE THE RUNWAY. AT 1:11 PM
I SPOKE WITH HUNTVILLE CONTROL TOWER. AT 1:15 PM I SPOKE WITH THE FAA. THE SCENE COMMANDER
AND I HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS. EVERYONE WAS WORKING TOGETHER VERY WELL. THE AIRCRAFT
WAS AT REST NORTH OF THE AWOS. ~~FOR~~ I DECIDED TO CLOSE THE RUNWAY OUT OF SAFETY
AND CAUTION.

I HAVE GIVEN APPROXIMATE TIMES AND OCCURRENCES TO THE BEST OF MY MEMORY

Write down the AWOS recordings at the time of the accident

Date: ~~1/5/2020~~ I WAS NOT HERE AT THE TIME AND DID NOT TAKE ANY READINGS

Time - (in ZULU): _____

Temp: _____

Dew Point: _____

Altimeter: _____

Visability: _____

Density Altitude: _____

Wind: _____

Sky: _____

Present Weather: _____

Lightning: _____

Name: BE HARRISON

Signature: 

Date: 1/5/2020

Time: 4:30 PM