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My name is Francis McKeever, [REDACTED], Charleston, SC 29412
Tel [REDACTED]. I was on my back yard patio with my wife. Saturday evening 3/21.
Sometime between 6:30 or so we both heard an aircraft almost directly overhead. It sounded like a single engine small aircraft. The engine was revving fast to slow as if it was having fuel problems. It sputtered went off then on for appx 15-20 seconds then it went silent and we could no longer hear it. I flew helicopters in Vietnam and was a maintenance and supply officer for a direct support Army aircraft unit maintaining fixed and rotary wing aircraft. I also worked for Avco Lycoming engine company. I was guessing from his vector he was headed towards Johns Island airport. CHS radar could determine his altitude but I'd guess the aircraft was 1500-1000ft. I was a little alarmed but we have a lot of small piston engine aircraft in our area and sometimes depending on the wind direction the engine sound comes and goes. In this case the sound was very distinct and much like fuel starvation (like when your lawnmower begins to run out of gas). My wife and I both expected to hear a boom. I commented to my wife that "I hope we don't read about a plane crash tomorrow". As the crow flies I would guess it is 5-6 miles from my home to Johns Island airport. Fell free to contact me I if you require any additional comments.

Regards,
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From: [Jchevybear40](#)
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Subject: Plane crash, John's Island, S.C.
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On the evening of Mar 17, a plane crashed at The Charleston Executive Airport on John's Island, S.C. At approximately 7 o'clock, I was in my backyard on James Island when this small plane flew over. Many planes fly over us all of the time but this one was obviously having issues. As it flew over, the engine seemed to stall and then rev back up. As soon as it came back, a few seconds would pass and the same scenario would repeat. It sounded as if it was running out of fuel. I later learned that the plane had indeed crashed short of the airport, killing the lone occupant. Wish I could do more.

James Lazar. [REDACTED]

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