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Office of Aviation Safety

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: August 19, 2020
Person Contacted: David Anyzeski (Pilot)
Contact # [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA285

Narrative:

Mr. Anyzeski stated the following:

- No anomalies noted on the preflight inspection.
- He stated that after landing from an 1 hour and 20-minute flight, he opened the airplane doors (gull wing doors) and experienced an instantaneous fire. He heard “a swish of air enter the cabin” followed by a flash of fire that came from above his head moving forward, then stated “it was like a charcoal grill lighting off with too much gas”.
- He received second degree burns on the back of his legs from the fire and bruises on his legs from jumping out of the airplane while it was still rolling to a stop.
- The pilot stated he ran back to the cockpit and turned off the master switch and fuel selector valve after the airplane stopped in the grass.