

December 23, 2020

To whom it may concern:

On December 22, 2020 I rented a Cessna 170B from Sky Ranch (East Tennessee Pilot's Club) of which I am a member. I arrived at the airport at 14:30 hours and did a pre-flight of the aircraft, passenger briefing of two boys (Joshua and Andrew Holt) that are friends of our family and checked the weather at Mc Ghee Tyson (KTYS) and Monroe County Airport (KMNV).

The weather had a ceiling of 12,000, Visibility of 10 miles and Winds calm at Mc Ghee Tyson (KTYS) and the weather at Monroe County (KMNV) had a Ceiling of 12,000, Visibility of 10 miles and winds variable at 4KTS.

In accordance with our plan we started our flight to Monroe County Airport (KMNV) in Madisonville, TN. We departed from Sky Ranch (TN98) at approximately 15:00 and circled around Mc Ghee Tyson's (KTYS) airspace and headed south towards Monroe County Airport (KMNV).

At ten miles out, I announced my intentions to enter at a mid-field downwind for Runway 5 with no response from any other pilots. At the 5 miles out, I again announced my intentions and a pilot responded saying that my radio call was broken so I repeated the call and he said that he had just departed Runway 5 and was departing the pattern to the south. I told him that he was no factor.

I entered the downwind at a 45 and added carb heat, reduced power to 2000 RPM and reduced speed to flap range. On the downwind, I put in 10 degrees of flap and called turning base as I turned left base for a full stop landing on Runway 5. On base I incrementally increased flaps to 40 degrees of flaps and turned final announcing a full stop landing.

At approximately 15:30, I entered final approach with a pitch for 60-65 mph and maintained glide slope concentrating on a good landing. When the aircraft touched down it veered off to the left, probably when a gust of wind hit the left side of the plane. I applied right rudder and added power in an effort to straighten out the deflection, but the aircraft exited the runway to the left and entered a ground loop that I could not control.

There were no injuries. Everyone safely exited the aircraft. Josh and Andrew Holt exited through the passenger door and I exited through the pilot's door.

Very respectfully,

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