



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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February 15, 2021

Subject: N8183C, hard landing on February 10, 2021 at Placid Lakes Airport (09FA), Lake Placid, Florida. Pilot-in-command Derek Hendrie.

On February 15, 2021, Mr. Hendrie called to report the event. He provided the following information:

On February 10, 2021, Mr. Hendrie was practicing landings at his home airport, 09FA. He performed 2 uneventful landings. On the 3rd landing, the airplane landed hard, during which he sustained minor injuries, including a laceration to the head, and a minor fracture of his right ankle. The airplane sustained substantial damage including partial separation of both wings near their root. The front of the airplane was crushed aft and the main landing gear was fractured. The airplane landed on the turf runway (36).

During the landing flare, he had difficulty pulling back on the control stick. It felt "stuck" when moving aft. The pitch trim was in its "normal" cruise flight position, he had not adjusted it for landing. Mr. Hendrie was unsure of what happened, though he did not believe there was a mechanical issue with the flight controls.

Contact info

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