



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: NTSB investigation ERA21LA172, Unregistered Phantom II, McBee, South Carolina, April 4, 2021. Information provided by FAA Inspector Todd Clamp, of the Columbia, South Carolina Flight Standards District Office

Mr. Clamp provided the following information on April 6, 2021, via telephone:
The FAA did not travel to the scene of the accident. The pilot/owner reported that the airplane had 2 seats and a fuel capacity of 10 gallons [which would not allow it to be classified as an ultralight under part 103]. The airplane was not registered and had not been inspected. The pilot held a private pilot certificate; however, he was not current. The pilot had bought the airplane for parts, but instead chose to assemble it and decided to fly it. He had owned the airplane for about 1 year and had flown it about 6 times prior to the accident. The pilot reported that after departure, the engine started losing power and he attempted to turn back and land and collided with trees. [The pilot subsequently reported on the NTSB 6120 reporting form that there were no mechanical anomalies with the airplane, and he had collided with trees while turning to a downwind at a field on his property at too low of an altitude].

Mr. Clamp obtained photographs of the airplane at rest after the accident.

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