



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Millicent Hill
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

May 7, 2021

Subject: ERA21LA198
Who: William Reese – Pilot/owner

Mr. Reese provided the following statements via email to FAA inspector Amber White:

4/25/21:

“Uneventful landing, touchdown

I had applied slight throttle for precision landing on 2nd stripe

Applied air braking

Applied foot brakes, plane suddenly veered right, unable to correct

Went off runway into grass, stuck in ditch, struck horizontal stabilizer on embankment

It was my 8th and final landing of that practice session

Third flight of the day. My earlier flights were with CFIs.”

4/26/21:

“Amber, after going through things in my head yesterday, I recalled that the last several times I landed the plane, it would pull to the right when I braked on roll out. I assumed I was not giving enough left brake but now I’m thinking differently. I am a student pilot, but since I own this plane I have flown it quite a bit. I have about 330 landings in this plane. It was definitely different feeling on roll out recently with the last several landings as compared to the past, it was just not dramatic enough to register a problem in my mind. Always preflighted completely, never saw brake fluid or obvious issue. Also, despite the fact that it veered right, I never felt that I had lost control. I was unable to brake effectively once on the grass or I would have simply rolled it to a stop. The damage occurred at the very end when reached the embankment. I’m available all day if you have questions, I will be close to the airport if you need to meet. Thx”