

Accident Report on N45CA (R44)

August 3, 2022

I completed a preflight where N45CA is hangered at the Lancaster Airport (KLNS). I departed around 11:00am with my wife in the front passenger seat. We flew to the yard of my brother and his wife (Drue and Jan Haydt) and landed about 11:50 with no problems.

After about a half hour, I did another preflight and departed about 12:30 with 2 passengers, Robert Wisser in the front passenger seat and Quinn Haydt in the rear pilot side. Winds were calm and we departed to the southeast. After flying around the general vicinity of Leighton and surrounding area, we returned to my brother's yard approaching from the east. I came to a hover and did a pedal turn to the right to hover back to an area I've landed at a number of times in the past.

After coming to a stop, I started to lower the helicopter to land on what is a slight slope. Upon landing, the left skip landed first on the upslope, and I lowered the collective too rapidly. The helicopter landed roughly and I incorrectly tried to overcompensate by pulling up on the collective. At that point I entered a dynamic rollover to the left in which I was unable to recover.

I turned everything off while hanging in my harness and checked on the passengers. My wife was there quickly to get Quinn out of the back and I released my harness and crawled out the pilot side door. Then my wife and I leaned back in and released Robert and helped him up and out of the helicopter through the pilot side door careful to protect his left arm which he said was hurt. Quinn and I were both unhurt in the incident.

My sister in-law called 911 and the police, EMS and fire departments of Mahoning Township responded. They took Robert, who was ambulatory, in the ambulance to the St. Lukes Hospital in Franklin Township and treated him for a fractured clavicle.

I responded to all questions from the police, fire units and the local PEMA representative. He, in turn, contacted the FAA and NTSB. I responded to the NTSB over the phone to their satisfaction and will send me an accident report to fill out.

The fire department kept all media and bystanders from entering the property. After we talked, I took a series of pictures and emailed them to you upon your request. We agreed to meet at the accident site at 9:00 August 4, 2022.

Eric D. Haydt August 3, 2022



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Persons mentioned in this report:

Eric & Jill Haydt



Wernersville, PA 19565

Drue & Jan Haydt



Lehighton, PA 18235

Robert Wisser



Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Quinn Haydt



Lehighton, PA 18235



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