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Contact: Curt and Jeannie Bartholomew, DeLand, Florida

The eyewitnesses (Bartholomew) were running a skydive training session at the airport when the accident occurred. They were standing in the drop zone, immediately adjacent to the runway. They stated that they watched the airplane come in for landing or a touch and go; they didn't know what the pilot was attempting to do. On short approach, the airplane appeared a little slow and the wings were a little wobbly. The airplane touched down super hard and bounced. It went up a little bit and was riding on one wheel, then it went back into the air. The engine quickly powered up and it sounded like it went to full power. The left wing then dropped, and the airplane flew over the runway into the grassy area, when the left wing dropped more and struck the ground causing the airplane to flip over and over.

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