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Subject:

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Incident at 39N

Michael,

Per your request on today's Incident at Princeton airport.

I was flying from North to South in my own aircraft (Helicopter) when I witnessed an airplane stall and fall out of the sky. The aircraft was at a nose high attitude with one of it's wings vertical as it contacted the ground that was not completely visible from my angle due to the aircraft landing on the other side of a 18 wheeler truck. I continued to fly over the airfield and make a descending right turn once I was clear of the departing runway and landed in the grass adjacent to where the airplane was. While doing so I made a call that there was a downed aircraft and attempted to contact someone in the main office. I shut my aircraft down in the grass to check on the pilot. After exiting my aircraft I jumped over the fence and found the student pilot outside of the aircraft without injury. I checked that the aircraft was secured (Master Off and fuel valve was turned to the off position). The aircraft had damage to the left wing, and the engine compartment was broken half off with the interior of the plane in great condition minus the rear window was broken. At the time of the incident there was a moving company unloading one truck to another with a few workers. One of the workers stated he helped the pilot out of the aircraft.

Conditions

10sm and clear

Winds out of the North West 10 to 15kts

Kind Regards,

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