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Below is the statement given to Todd Gunther during an interview with [REDACTED] on 7/26/2024 regarding the accident involving Cessna 182A, N2198G.

I live 3 miles east-northeast of Marion North Carolina on top of a hill. There is a small airport in Marion. I always notice the flights. Very few flights ever followed the flight path the airplane took.

It was north to south. I was outside when I heard the plane. The engine sounded strong. It was half a mile west. There was a cloud ceiling. They were under the clouds about 1500 feet above me. This was between 8:30pm and 9:00 pm.

Storms had gone through about 5:00 pm to 7:00pm. Heaviest of the storms was over. Left a lot of moisture and fog.

He was not banking or turning at the time.