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10/31/2023 at 09:07am phone call with Inspector Chriscoe

I am in the hospital now and have braces on my legs. We have a fair number of deer at sunset, but I have never seen a deer at night. We went to SOP to a festival. The winds were 240/3 on the AWOS when I was 20 miles out and when I checked at 10 miles out the winds were calm and there was no traffic. I had 40 degrees of flaps in even though it has 60 degrees of flaps. Just as I was about to touch down, I saw a deer out of the corner of my left eye and I corrected right, but a little too much and when I tried to straighten, it wouldn't straighten. It was probably in a skid. I saw the ditch and added full power and was approximately 35-40 mph. This plane will climb with full flaps. I saw the concrete and it was very loud. My wife was reading. I couldn't reach the mags and master switch, but I turned off the fuel. I was glad there wasn't a fire. I heard dripping but didn't smell fuel, so the tanks didn't rupture, and it was probably the water we were in. I slid myself out, I went to hold the top of the instrument panel and my right arm just hung and I knew it was broken. I used my right leg, right foot, and left arm to get out and it took a minute to a minute and a half to get out. I helped my wife out and she was able to walk to the top of the bank. She called 911 and I spoke to them, and EMS came out. I have about 12,000 hours and 1,500 in the Bird Dog. I will send copies of my logbook probably in a week to a week and a half because I am in the hospital and it will be hard to get them upstairs, but I will get them to you. I have everything you need, and I just don't want you to think I am hiding anything. I am current. I don't have a tailwheel endorsement because it was probably in 1991 and we didn't have those back then.