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Hello,

I was supposed to give a fellow a ride in the plane first thing in the morning. I texted him at seven, told him wx was good and we were on. He replied he was on his way to AP. I walked to plane, preflighted, cleaned windows and waited. After 2 hours, I received a note from my friends. They had gone down to lake for a breakfast. The announcer was hoping I'd do just a flyby with a Goose and Albatross. It was just about 9. I really had no intention of flying near event site. I've been to Greenville many times in Grumman starting in 2001 and know Saturday's are too busy. My passenger never showed so I took off. Less than 5 minutes later I overflew show site. I tried to contact on 122.8. There was no response. I had heard another AC land there on Thursday using 22.8. I flew North down Lake 3-4 miles. I turned back towards the South and started a shallow descent. I sent a quick note to my friend, he replied with seabase frequency. I couldn't have been distracted 10-15 seconds. I keyed in frequency, looked up, and was heading for the water. There was no stall buzzing. The plane hit water not in proper attitude.

Aircraft Airframe Hours. 9298

Weather received by Leidos and N.W.S. Weather no factor

Have attended Safety Seminars in KOSH