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Division: ERA

Date: March 10, 2026

Subject: ERA26LA132

Contact: [REDACTED], pilot

The following is an excerpt of [REDACTED] emailed statement to the FAA.

Re: Facts and circumstances concerning accident dated Saturday February 28, 2026.

I intended to land at Stanton's Bar B Que in Marlboro County. The sun was in my eyes as I approached their grass strip. I could not see their runway. I landed to right of their landing strip. In order to depart I taxied to a paved road that ran parallel to the right side of their airfield. On departure the left wing of my airplane struck a Cedar Tree. Both wings of the plane were damaged, the nosewheel collapsed, the prop was bent, and the cabin was damaged. I suffered a sprained back and cuts and bruises to my face; The Rockingham Rescue Squad took me to the Rockingham County Hospital. I was examined and found to have no broken bones. I was released from the hospital.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]