

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

I got to the airport about 8:05. I did the pre-flight on the plane and then checked in with my flight instructor. I was asked if I was ready to solo to which I agree.

During my run-up I checked AWOS in which the weather was fair with 14 mph winds out of the south, no reported gusts.

I departed Estherville runway 16 at 8:34 am. I completed 3 take-off and landings. Then at about 9:00 I waited for two planes to depart Estherville runway 16. During that time I was doing rectangle flight patterns on the roads waiting for the two planes to depart. After the two planes departed and were clear I entered the flight pattern for landing the 16 runway. As I approached the runway I had three flaps as well as my aileron in for the cross wind using opposite rudder to keep the plane straight. As I entered the ground effect I got a wind gust and it lifted the plane and pushed me slightly to the left. I thought the safe thing to do was to do a go round, so I put power into the plane and push the nose down slightly to gain lift. As I did that I believe I must have relaxed the aileron countering the wind and got what I felt was a gust that pushed me to the left. Then the wing hit the field and I spun out. I got out of the plane immediately and called my flight instructor.

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