

Crash of N21231 at Bridgeport Bryant airport (O57), June 2, 2013

On June 2, 2013, I arrived at Carson City airport (CXP) and completed the preflight checklist. I completed 1 flight around the pattern before loading the 3 passengers and taking on additional fuel for the 40 minutes allowed for the flight to Bridgeport (O57). With passengers onboard, I discussed the routing of the flight, technique for locking and unlocking the doors, and the egress procedure in event of a crash. After takeoff on 27, assumed a southwesterly course to Topaz Lake and climbing to 9500 ft. After an uneventful flight over the mountains into the valley where O57 was located, I called Bridgeport traffic on 122.9 to say my position and intention to do a left downwind approach to 34. Upon entering the downwind leg at 7200 ft, I put in 10 degrees of flap. When the runway was about 45 degrees behind the wing, I informed Bridgeport traffic I was turning base to 34, then followed with a call that I was turning final and then putting in full flaps and adjusted the power. I noted the electric wires ahead and across the flight path. I watched closely our path being concerned about clearing the wires. After clearing the wires, my next recollection was dirt flying up on the windshield followed quickly by the aircraft tilting up over the nose. My next recollection was emergency response people working on me preparing me for the ambulance with a subsequent Care Flight to Renown Hospital in Reno.

Notes:

I do not recollect adjusting the throttle any time after clearing the wires.

It was a beautiful clear blue sky with little wind

It was a sterile cockpit on landing

Since the airspeed indicator was in MPH, I converted the key airspeeds from knots in the POH and posted them in the instrument panel above the radios

I had to sit on cushion to be able to see over the instrument panel which caused me to be very close to the cockpit ceiling

I was knocked out after the aircraft tilted up. I believe I was knocked out by my head hitting the ceiling.

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