

Per the FAA inspector:

Talked to Mr. Cahoon. On the day of the accident, he was working on this vehicle at his residence (see the map) and he could hear sound of an aircraft performing multiple takeoff and landings at O27. What appears to be the last landing, Mr. Cahoon stated he heard of the sound of the aircraft wheels making contact with the ground surface, the engine accelerated to full-power, which was immediately followed by an explosion – he immediately looked towards the airport hangars and noticed the immense fire. Mr. Cahoon stated while the aircraft was in the airport pattern, though he had no visual contact with the aircraft at any time. Leading up to the explosion, the aircraft engine sounded normal (no misfire or roughness). Mr. Cahoon has been living in the immediate vicinity of the Oakdale Airport for more than 50 years.

