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Date: June 5, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Chip Ettinger (Witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19FA159

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the witness interview with Mr. Ettinger.

The first time he saw the airplane was on Sunday. The pilot flew over his house about tree top level. He then made a big loop and then did another low-level maneuver.

Tuesday night he was driving down Hunter Rd away from town, about 1 mile from Summerville, about 1930. The airplane was about powerline level when he crossed over his car in an east to west direction. He then made a big circle to the North. The airplane went straight up about 300 ft, stopped climbing and then nosed over, it gained airspeed and leveled out about 50 ft above the ground. He noted that the pilot did about three of these low altitude steep climb and dive maneuvers before the accident maneuver.

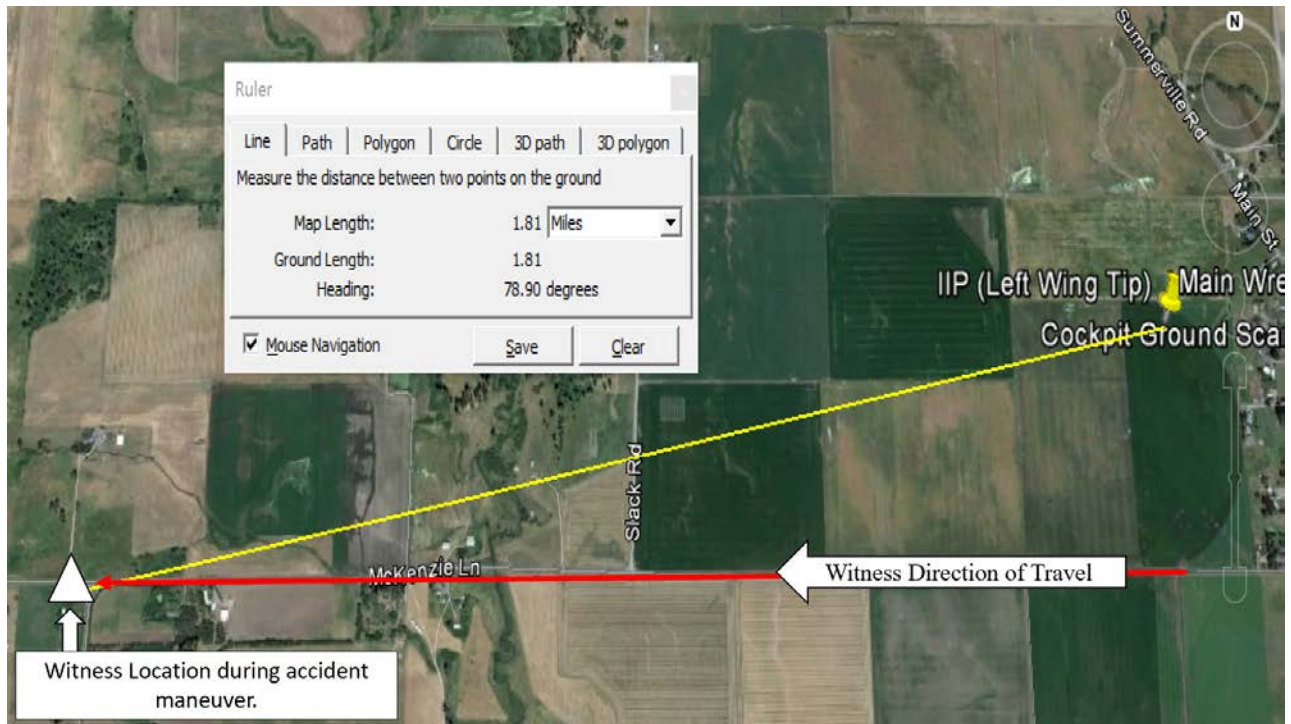


Figure 1: Witness location during accident maneuver.

The last maneuver that he saw. He was at the corner of Mackensey Ln. and Hunter Rd. The airplane got to the top of the climb and then dropped. He did not see the impact but did not see the airplane anymore either.



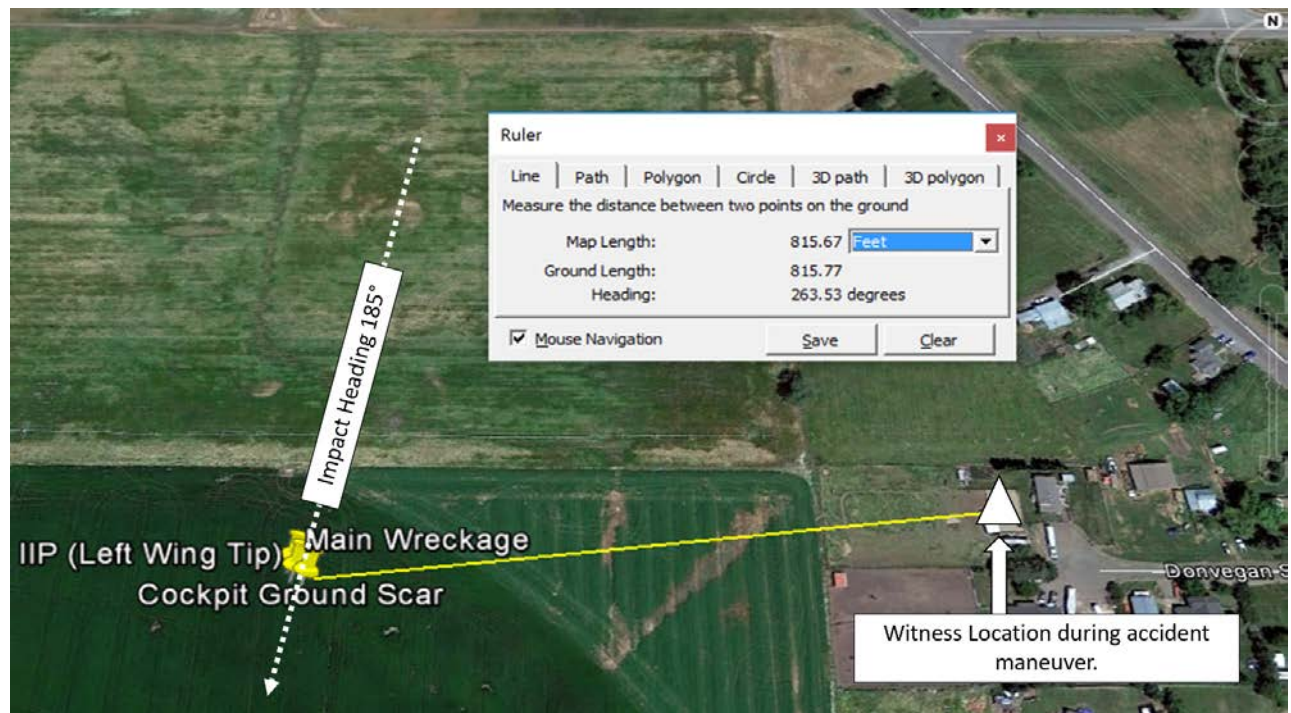
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Person Contacted: Mr. Jered Schwabauer (Witness)
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Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the witness interview with Mr. Schwabauer

He reported that he observed the airplane about 1930 on the night of the accident. He saw the airplane fly into the area from the North. He circled around in the accident field. He was about tree top level and he could see the pilot's face. He went inside to eat dinner. He heard him flying around town, he was "gunning the engine hard, then backing off". He went outside to make sure that the airplane was not scaring his horses. He heard him "gunned the engine real hard" saw the airplane on a northerly heading, climb to about 300 ft, aerodynamically stalled, spun to the left and then impacted the ground.





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Date: June 5, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Selina Shaffer (Witness)
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Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the witness interview with Ms. Shaffer.

She saw the pilot flying the airplane the first time on Sunday night about 7pm. She added that he flew Monday night about 7pm. She described his flying as flying like a “dare devil”. She noticed him flying toward Summerville, about power pole level. She was concerned because he was very low—getting down to the power poll level. She said that he was doing maneuvers comparable to what she has seen crop dusters doing. The airplane went straight up in the air and then fell down. She was driving her car on McKenzie Ln. when she witnessed the accident.