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Contact: Daniel Shimmin - Instructor of accident pilot

Mr. Shimmin stated that he flew with the accident pilot a total of about 9 times and remembered that the pilot had difficulty keeping the nose down during go-arounds. When he would setup the airplane for landing he would trim the nose up too far and wouldn't anticipate the need to advance the flight controls during go-arounds.

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Contact: Megan Newman, Wife of Accident Pilot

According to Ms. Newman, the accident pilot started flight training about September 2020 with Riverside Flight Academy. The accident flight was the pilot's first flight after his check ride. On the day of the accident they (the pilot's wife, the pilot, and their 4 kids) arrived at the airport around noon at which time the pilot preflighted the airplane for about 20-25 minutes. He wasn't happy to discover there was more fuel on the airplane than he had hoped. They subsequently departed on the first of two flights that day, which included the pilot's wife in the front right seat and their youngest child directly behind her. The pilot's wife weighed about 180lbs and their youngest weighed about 40 lbs at the time.

After an uneventful flight they returned to their departure airport and completed a full stop landing. He planned the second flight to be with their other three kids and himself. They planned to fly a similar route and return to the airport at which time they were going to complete a full stop landing.

Their son, who was in the front right seat at the time of the accident, later informed his mother that they landed normally after the flight, but after they touched down there was a "pop" sound and the airplane started to shake. He observed his father's demeanor change (he cursed and panicked) and then took off again. Mrs. Newman reported that they did not know why he took off again.



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Contact: Megan Newman (pilot's wife), Caleb and Connor Newman (pilots' sons)

An audio clip of the airplane's stall warning horn was played for both passengers of the accident flight. Caleb Newman did not recall hearing the stall warning horn during the accident flight. Connor Newman didn't remember hearing the stall warning horn during the landing, but believes he may have heard it during the subsequent takeoff second before the accident took place.