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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Barkhimer in a telephone conversation.

On the day of the accident flight, he was taking off from a dirt road. During the departure roll, the airplane may have encountered a quartering tailwind. The airplane veered to the left and while attempting to correct with rudder, the airplane continued off the left side of the road, ground looped and struck a fence post.

According to the pilot there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.