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All persons listed were interviewed by NTSB personnel:

The following is a summary of conversations:



Phone interview in conjunction with FAA Inspector Robert Markise, Spokane FSDO

The student pilot had just flown with his instructor from his home airport, Deer Park (KDEW), to the Coeur d'Alene Airport (KCOE) in Hayden, Idaho to perform a solo flight in the traffic pattern. He had soloed the airplane several times before; this flight was to be his first solo experience at a tower-controlled airport. He and his instructor had reviewed the weather and were aware of conditions, which were clear and windy. After a few landings with the instructor, he taxied to the ramp, the instructor got out, and he followed the ground controller instructions to taxi to runway 24. Upon arrival at the runway hold-short line, he was directed to hold there by the tower controller due to other airplanes in the pattern for landing. While waiting at the hold-short line, he felt the airplane's tail start to lift a little from behind. At first, he thought maybe someone was playing a joke on him and was pushing up on the tail, but then the tail lifted more. He stood on the brakes and instinctively pulled back hard on the yoke. The tail of the airplane continued to lift, and the next thing he knew, he was just hanging on as the airplane stood on its nose and then flipped over inverted. He was wearing a four-point harness, which held him in the seat, and he was uninjured. He was able to release himself, get out of the airplane, and call his instructor. The airport operations team was able to help move the damaged airplane to the ramp.