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I landed in a meadow 200 yards across, solely for the purpose of practice. I did a recon over the meadow to find an LZ, figure out obstacles, wind etc. I came in for a landing and touched down in my desired LZ with no issues. Upon takeoff I decided to use a circling maneuver used to get into ETL rather than just pull power. A maneuver i learned you can use, in the case you were ever to get into a situation where you do not have excess power to take off. After take off I flew almost a full circle and upon finishing the last leg of the circle, I suddenly lost some altitude and was too close to the ground and impacted the terrain. It happened very fast, as I tried to flare and neutralize controls it was already too late. At the time of the accident I believe I had about 250lbs of fuel on board.

On Apr 14, 2026, at 12:58 PM, Joel Beckett [REDACTED] > wrote:

Thanks for getting this back to me. Could you email me a written statement in your own words about what happened? Describing what occurred in chronological order, including the circumstances and the nature of the accident. Describing terrain, fuel on board, and any other details you can provide.