

Interview Summary

Name: Cole Hagge
Representative: Artic Wikle
Location: Residence
Date/Time: June 04, 2015
Present: Williams (NTSB), Brinkman (FAA)

During the interview Mr. Hagge stated the following:

While on a solo cross country flight on May 31, 2015, he was involved in a mid-air collision while landing at the Talkeetna Airport, Talkeetna, Alaska.

Mr. Hagge had flown to the Talkeetna Airport (TKA) with his instructor in preparation for this cross country flight about four days prior to the accident. While on the instructional flight, they discussed and reviewed airport operations and the correct procedure for entering traffic patterns.

On the accident flight, Mr. Hagge was seated in the left pilot's seat and had his flight plan and navigation log on the right front seat. Prior to arrival at TKA, he obtained weather information from the Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS) and made an initial radio call on the common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF) to obtain airport advisories and state his position. As he approached the traffic pattern, he saw two airplanes operated by K2 Aviation and heard them make a radio call that they were on final approach. After over flying the airport, he entered the traffic pattern's downwind leg on a 45 degree angle. When abeam the runway numbers, he completed the landing checklist. He used the runway numbers as a reference to determine when to turn onto the base leg of the traffic pattern.

After turning onto the final segment of the traffic pattern, he made a radio call stating his position in the traffic pattern. Throughout the traffic pattern, the airplane was in a stable, constant descent. When he was in a position to land, he reduced power and added full flaps. Just before starting to flare, about 20-30 feet above the ground, he hear a loud "unworldly" sound. He felt the airplane get hit and pushed forward. At that point, the airplane descended at an estimated 45 degree angle.

This concluded the interview.