

Sonoma	Skypark,	Inc.
Sonoma,	CA 95476	

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Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Mr. Nixon,

REF: Cirrus, N821SC accident in Sonoma, CA, 7/13/17

N821SG landed at Sonoma Skypark airport, at about 1730, Tuesday, July 11, 2017 and tied down. At about noon, Thursday, July, 13, 2017 the pilot arrived at the airport with three young people and uncovered the aircraft and sumped the fuel tanks while conducting his pre-flight. He started the aircraft in front of the airport office and then taxied to the departure end of runway 26. I was approximately 2,700 feet West of the departure end of runway 26 and about 75 feet South of the runway when I witnessed the engine run-up and the taxi on to the runway for departure.

The departure, lift off point and climb angle were very normal and the engine sounded strong as it passed over me. I continued to watch the climb out when I heard 3 or 4 pops and then silence. The nose came down slightly and it looked like it was gliding to a landing and then I heard a bang and saw debris and a puff of white smoke before the aircraft went out of my view behind trees. I noted the time on my iPhone as 1244 and estimated that the aircraft was between 200' to 300' AGL when the engine quit

I got off our back-hoe and hurried to my truck to drive to the field that I was hoping to find the aircraft in. When it was in my view I saw many people, police cars and a large fire truck making its way to the crash site.

Ronald W. Price

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