

Aguilera Jason

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To: Aguilera Jason
Subject: Accident at KBUU

Jason-

Below is the narrative you requested about what I saw today regarding the accident involving the Grumman at KBUU.

I had departed runway 19 and was climbing to stay in the right-hand pattern for a return to the field. I turned right crosswind to return to runway 19. On turning parallel to runway 11/29 I observed a Piper Cherokee type aircraft departing from 29. At this point I saw another aircraft approaching from southwest approximately 1/2 mile from the field, slightly below my altitude (about 800' AGL) in what appeared to be a steep descent and shallow left turn. It also appeared to me to be moving at a higher velocity than an aircraft on a standard approach. My assumption at this moment was that the aircraft was either on about a 45 degree path directly for the approach end of runway 11, or was attempting to dive into the traffic pattern ahead of me for 19.

In either case, this aircraft was going to arrive at the airport before me so I momentarily looked back to check on the Cherokee's position. By this point it was well clear to the west of the field so I began a turn to downwind. I then reacquired the incoming aircraft, which now was in a very tight right turn down low and just southwest of the approach end of runway 11. I estimate its altitude was less than 500' AGL and it still appeared to be at a higher velocity than for a typical approach. Within a very short moment of my reacquiring visual contact with it the aircraft entered what appeared to be a spin and after about 2 revolutions it impacted the ground vertically.

I hope this can be of some help to you. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Will Hamilton