

Cheryl Campbell

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1831 hrs.

While driving on TN Rte 41 heading E
I witnessed a small jet aircraft crash.
Said aircraft appeared to have a
collapse of the R landing^{gear} and aircraft
dipped the R wing towards the ground.
The aircraft then appeared to regain
some lift - however could not stay
airborne. Losing altitude the aircraft
went through the fence and, ~~the~~ had
enough altitude to crash/land on
grass on roadside and, immediately, the
rear of the aircraft burst into flames.
I stopped and jumped ^{out & ran} towards the
~~aircraft~~ aircraft, thinking I had to
get the PAX out. As I approached
the aircraft, the door opened and
2 men, a woman & child and a
man and dog came out of the way.
I asked if all PAX were off the aircraft
and was told yes. I asked how many
PAX & was told 4 adults, child & dog.
Then confirmed that I saw all PAX.
I told them to move away from
the aircraft. A man not wearing a

a uniform was struggling and not walking. I went to his side, identified myself, asked his first name. I asked him where he hurt. - He tried to get up & could not and was asking if his wife and child were out and ok. I assisted him away from the aircraft as it was burning.

I assured him I had checked his wife and child and both were OK. I also told him his dog was OK when he asked. He wanted to know if everyone was ok. I continued to assure him everyone was safe and out of the aircraft.

During this time I checked to ensure his eyes were equal & responsive & made note of rapid heart rate, slightly ashen ~~face~~ face and rapid breathing.

I continued to keep him on the ground and ~~me~~ on his back as he kept saying his back hurt, he said low hurt alot.

He repeatedly asked about his wife and daughter and seemed not to understand/or hear however I assured him each time trying to calm him.

I stay with the man until paramedics arrived and they took over the man's care.

I was driving and quite frankly,
staring at the airport & runway as I drove.
I have trained as a private pilot, spent 25 years
in the USAF, and spent the past 21 years
as a flight attendant for a major airline.
It was an instinct for me to run to the
aircraft ~~as~~ after watching it crash.
I'm so very thankful all passengers
were OK.

Mike Tierney

From: lucas@[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Mike Tierney
Subject: Accident Recollection

I was helping load bags into a car from another aircraft when I seen N8JR approaching runway 24. The aircraft seemed to initially touch the runway at the approach end of 24. Next, the aircraft seemed to attempt a go-around when the airplane seemingly stalled and dropped hard onto the runway and began to skid down the runway with broken main gear and the right wing dragging the ground. The aircraft then went off the end of the runway and through the fence where it caught fire.

Lucas Holly

Lineman

Elizabethton TN

Cell: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Thursday August 15, 2019 around 3:35pm as I was fueling another aircraft, I heard a loud noise from a landing aircraft. I stopped my fueling and ran around the aircraft to see N8JR going down the runway to the West. It had attempted a landing on runway 24. When I saw it, it was going down the runway with the right main gear folded up under the aircraft and the right wing sliding on the runway. The aircraft slide off the runway, down an embankment and back up, through some fencing, and came to rest on the edge of Highway 91. It then caught fire and began to burn on the right rear of the aircraft.

Mike Tierney

Asst. Airport Manager

Elizabethton TN

Cell: [REDACTED]

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Hicks Ralph

From: Grosof Erik
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 10:12 PM
To: Hicks Ralph; Gerhardt Adam
Subject: Fwd: Earnhardt Crash

Hi Ralph and Adam. FYI
Regards,

Erik

Erik R Grosof
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Sent via  Radio 

From: Victoria [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 7:49:13 PM
To: eyewitnessreport <eyewitnessreport@ntsb.gov>
Subject: Earnhardt Crash

Hi,

I am the person of that white car that was on the other side of the road in the opposite direction near the crash. I had just left the school that was right there at 3:36. I had gotten onto the road, as I was driving I saw the plane coming next to me. I then noticed it kept getting closer to me, and I realized it was crashing, so just out of reaction I swerved to the other side of the road not knowing where the plane was going to end up. I unfortunately did not pay attention to the wheels or anything, but I did see it slide to a stop. I was too much in panic to try paying attention to other things. I did not see any other cars behind me either. I was the only car at that time. I stayed in case I needed questioned, but no one questioned me. I felt I should let you know I saw some of it, I'm sorry I'm not much help with more details.