

To: Russell Sage, FAA Inspector

From: Steve Woodard, Aircraft Passenger

Subject: Aircraft Incident - August 7, 2020

Passenger Statement:

On Friday, August 7, 2020, I was a passenger in an aircraft (I do not know the identity) owned by Ron Daniels at the Old Orchard Airpark, Wallkill New York. At approximately 2 PM in the afternoon we went for a scenic ride of the local area. I know we did not go too far since Ron said we were about 10 miles from the airport and, also, he pointed out the Poughkeepsie Airport. After about 20 minutes we returned to Old Orchard Airpark.

Coming in for a landing I remember it being a little bumpy and as the ground came up at us I may have tensed up and stretched my legs out. My feet were on the floor and my hands were hanging onto the shoulder straps. On landing, the aircraft stopped abruptly on the grass runway and flipped over.

We were both able to exit to aircraft under our own power but we were assisted by unknown airfield personnel.

You asked for any additional /unusual information: I found it interesting that while sitting outside the aircraft someone said that the lights were still on and to turn off the electricity. I had no idea what to do. Ron was seated closest to the door so he reached in and said "up is down." What he was saying was that in order to turn off the electrical switches (to the down position) you had to push all the switches "up" towards the sky (which was also the floor of the airplane.) This may have prevented a fire.

Stephen Woodard

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