

Zachary Farmer, a student of mine has been waiting on a medical so that he could solo. He had demonstrated excellent understanding of pitch & Power as well as roller corrections on final throughout many of his flights. Today he presented a valid medical so I was excited for him to finally be able to solo. We did 5 laps together before I got out of the plane and they went as follows.

1. - Came in high so we did a go around
2. - Proper glide path & speed. Flared a little high, but landing was overall o.k.
3. - Similar to before, slightly high, but overall o.k., we talked about waiting a second longer to start the flare as that seemed to be the issue.
4. - Really nice approach & speed. Smooth landing just left of centerline. <sup>Maybe</sup> ~~left~~ ~~center~~ mentioned being careful of the snow banks and to be sure to stay away from them.

I then asked Zach if he was ready to solo, we went over the gameplan, 3-laps in the pattern. We stopped @ the ramp and I got out and went into the FBO to watch.

He had a normal take-off and made all his calls in the pattern. From my perspective his landing/approach were all just as I had taught him. Power off over the cones, nice smooth flare, and it looked like his landing was very smooth. Next I saw the plane drift slightly into the snowbank on the left of the runway. It seemed like he was trying to get it back to the right but it may have been too far stuck in land & bounced (maybe from texture of the snow) 3(?) times and then flipped end over.

I ran out as quick as I could. The prop was stopped, and 2 people were running out from the (spelling?)'s house to help Zach get out.

Initially we ran to the pilots side. but the door was stuck against maybe the wing or support strut. So I ran over to the other side. had Zach unlock the door and then jumped in. I immediately had him turn the master switch off and all electrical off. Then made sure he wouldn't fall when I unbuckled his seatbelt because the windshield was broken under him. he verbalized that he was ok. So I helped get him out from the passenger side. Did a last check. pulled mixture and throttle out and did a last electrical check to make sure everything was off and then internally panicked. Ha!

Checked with Zach if he was ok and then started making phone calls.