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I was coming from the west and contacted Centennial tower conveying I was 13-15 miles to the west @ 7500' inbound full stop with Whiskey. ATC responded with 416DJ indent and contact tower on 123.7. I acknowledged the request and pressed ident followed by contacting the tower at 123.7. Tower responded with 416DJ enter a midfield right downwind for runway 17R staying on the west side of I25. I entered the downwind on the west side of I25 now heading north towards Cherry Creek lake.

Shortly after entering the downwind for 17R tower contacted me and instructed me to head to the west shore of Cherry Creek, tower then advised there was a Cessna at my 1:00 in a base turn for runway 17R now turning final. I responded I have traffic in sight, tower then told me I was number two following the Cessna and I was cleared to land runway 17R. I'm not sure if the tower told me there was a Metro Liner on the parallel approach. As I turned base I did see the Metro Liner off in the distance.

I entered the right base descending in altitude and airspeed looking out at the Cessna which was very near to landing on runway 17R. I then began my turn to final and was banking to the right when there was a loud bang that occurred and I briefly saw something green at the front of the airplane. My airplane was in a nose down attitude and the flight controls were not taking input changes so I pulled the CAPS Handle and the chute deployed as designed leveling off the airplane allowing it to slowly settle down to the ground.

After hitting the ground, I asked my passenger if he was alright? He responded with yes, I'm ok. We unbuckled his seatbelt and I told him to open the door and get out and away from the plane. I then made sure the fuel was shut off and all electrical switches were turned off including the ignition switch. I then exited the plane and waited for the emergency crews to arrive.

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