N8011F Incident Report

To:

Sharfaraz Ahmed



Good afternoon.

I am sending the information and also statement for the incident on August 8th 2021

CFI: Nguyen Le

CFI number: CFI
Date of Birth:

Aircraft Type: PA-34-200T Tail Number: N8011F

Statement:

I was the Flight Instructor for the flight and the student was flying the Airplane. It was the Checkride Preparation Flight for the student who was supposed to do Multi Engine Checkride on August 10th. We were doing Landing Practice. At that time we already finished 2 Full Stop Landings and Taxi back. On the third one, we did left close traffic. There were 2 other airplanes in the pattern. As we were about to turn left base, there was a red gyrocopter that cut us off and flew straight to final. I then instructed the student to extend left downwind and turned base afterwards. As we turned final, since I did not want both of us to look outside and got distracted, I then told the student to fly the plane and I would look outside to make sure the runway was cleared to land. I then saw the gyrocopter exited the runway and told the student to land. The airplane then was crossing the threshold. I saw the student used his checklist and had the checklist on his lap. After the airplane touched down, we both realized that the landing gear was up. Then I tool control and steered the airplane to stay on the runway and shut the engines down. There was no fuel leak, no fire, no injuries. The airplane was left with bent props.

From this incident, I would be extremely careful observing the student to perform all the steps in the checklist. I would double check with the checklist and make sure the gear is down 2 or 3 extra times to make sure everything is done correctly. And when in doubt, I would perform a Go-Around to prevent any potential problem

Please let me know if you have any question Regards Nguyen Le



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Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 5:28 PM

Sharfaraz,

Nguyen and I were doing full stop taxi backs at Navasota, practicing short field landings. We were on our third and last one. In the pattern a gyrocopter cut us off while we were about to turn base, so we extended downwind. We were focused on avoiding the traffic, and when we came into land instead of feeling the gears hitting the ground I felt scraping. The throttle was pulled back and the plane skidded down the runway until it stopped and we turned everything off before getting out.