



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Aviation Safety – Western Pacific Region

NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA348
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: 4977G; Cessna 172N
Accident Location: Grass Valley, California
Accident Date: September 19, 2021

Note: The following interview was documented by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC), Stephen Stein.

Interview #1 Summary

John Vodonick
Accident Pilot

Interview Date & Time; September 20, 2021, 1047 PT

The pilot reported that his radio malfunctioned during the accident flight, which precluded him from calling his base and final turns in the traffic pattern. While on final approach he was rattled by the radio malfunction and misjudged his landing distance, landed long and went off the runway edge into a ditch. He stated that nothing electrical contributed to the accident, but that he simply distracted during the landing attempt.