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**Subject:** WPR24FA291, Memorandum for Record  
**Contact:** David Calar, Pilot

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Calar in a telephone conversation.

On September 1, 2024, he and Mary Lou Sanderson departed from the Yellowstone Regional Airport (COD), Cody, Wyoming in N23BD at about 1000 mountain daylight time. The intent of the flight was to head towards a GPS point, locate the relatives on the ground and spread the ashes of a deceased friend. While in cruise flight, he maneuvered at various heading and altitudes looking for the GPS point. Once they arrived over the GPS location, they also observed the family on the ground, circled, and spread the ashes. Once they completed spreading the ashes, they rolled out on heading, and he applied engine power. The airplane reached an altitude where it would not climb, and the airspeed was near stall speed. He did not recall the altitude the airplane was at, when the airplane would not climb any further.

The airplane was only equipped with one flight control stick, that was located in the forward crew position. The rear flight control stick had been removed. During the flight, the forward control stick remained attached to its respective attachment point.

Due to his injuries, he did not recall the subsequent events that occurred. He did not recall if there were any preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.

Total time: about 1,000 flight hours  
Make and Model: about 200 hours