



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Forest, VA	Accident Number:	ERA25LA011
Date & Time:	October 11, 2024, 16:47 Local	Registration:	N952W
Aircraft:	Saint Glasair II SFT	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On October 11, 2024, about 1647 eastern daylight time, an experimental, amateur-built Glasair II SFT, N952W, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Forest, Virginia. The private pilot was not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot reported that he departed on a cross-country flight with 46 gallons of fuel. About 45 minutes later, upon nearing the destination airport, the pilot flew the airport traffic pattern approach to runway 18. The airplane was high during the first approach and the pilot performed a go-around. While on a crosswind leg of the airport traffic pattern for a second approach, the airplane experienced a partial loss of engine power. The pilot attempted to glide to runway 36 but overshot the runway and landed in a field. The airplane’s nosegear collapsed, resulting in substantial damage to the left wing and forward fuselage.

Examination of the wreckage was pending the airplane’s recovery from the field.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Saint	Registration:	N952W
Model/Series:	Glasair II SFT	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	Yes		
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LYH,938 ft msl	Observation Time:	16:54 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	7 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C /5°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 210°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.14 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Orange, VA (OMH)	Destination:	Forest, VA

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	37.2781,-79.3885

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gretz, Robert
Additional Participating Persons:	Peter Hantelman; FAA/FSDO; Richmond, VA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.