



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Cleveland, GA	Accident Number:	ERA22LA301
Date & Time:	July 8, 2022, 13:05 Local	Registration:	N6136Y
Aircraft:	GEIST DONALD R KOLB FIRESTAR II	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On July 8, 2022, at 1305 eastern daylight time, an experimental amateur-built Kolb Firestar II airplane, N6136Y, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Cleveland, Georgia. The pilot was fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

The pilot/owner held a sport pilot certificate and was based at the Mountain Airpark (OGE5), Cleveland, Georgia. A review of airpark surveillance video revealed that as the airplane began its initial climb, the pitch angle increased, and the airplane entered a steep left bank turn. The airplane turned left about 180 degrees and descended behind trees. The airplane collided with a hangar then terrain before it came to rest in the driveway of a personal residence. There was no post-impact fire.

The airplane wreckage was recovered and retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	GEIST DONALD R	Registration:	N6136Y
Model/Series:	KOLB FIRESTAR II	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
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:	AJR,1447 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:55 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	9 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	33° C /22° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.09 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Cleveland, GA	Destination:	Cleveland, GA

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	34.561763,-83.713513

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Read, Leah
Additional Participating Persons:	Mark Fayerman; FAA/FSDO; Atlanta, GA
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.