

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

NTSB Form 6120.1

PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

Email the pilot/operator aircraft accident/incident report to the investigator-in-charge of your accident/incident. If email is not available, mail the report per the instructions below.

If your accident/incident occurred in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands, send the form to: NTSB, ERA, 45065 Riverside Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147.

If your accident/incident occurred in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, or New Mexico, send the form to: NTSB, CEN, 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80239.

If your accident/incident occurred in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, or the territories of Guam or American Samoa, send the form to: NTSB, WPR, 505 South 336th Street, Suite 540, Federal Way, WA 98003.

If your accident/incident occurred in Alaska, send the form to: NTSB, ANC, 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 216, Box 11, Anchorage, AK 99513.

Rules pertaining to notification of aircraft accidents and incidents, as well as overdue aircraft are found in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 830 http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfr830_main_02.tpl. These rules state the authority of the NTSB, define accidents, incidents, injuries, and other terms, and provide procedures for initial and immediate notification of accidents and incidents by aircraft pilots/operators.

A. APPLICABILITY

The pilot/operator of an aircraft shall send a report to the office listed above, based on accident/incident location; immediate notification is required by 49 CFR 830.5(a). The report shall be filed within 10 days after an accident for which notification is required by Section 830.5, or after 7 days if an overdue aircraft is still missing.

An aircraft accident, as defined in 49 CFR 830.2, is determined as an occurrence that involves a fatality or serious injury, or substantial damage to the aircraft. For occurrences that do not involve a fatality, the determination that the occurrence is an accident can be appealed by writing to the Director, Office of Aviation Safety, NTSB, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOTS/OPERATORS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

It is necessary that ALL questions on this report be answered completely and accurately.

If more space is needed, continue on a blank sheet of paper.

Nearest City/Place: Use the name of the nearest community in the state where the accident/incident occurred.

Date/Time: Indicate the date and local time of the event. Be sure to indicate the time zone.

Phase of Operation: Indicate the phase of operation during which the accident/incident occurred.

Aircraft Information: Enter aircraft make and model information as indicated on the aircraft registration certificate, including series. If the involved aircraft is certified as "amateur-built," include the name of the producer of the kit or plans, unless an NTSB employee instructs otherwise.

Maximum Gross Weight: Enter the certificated maximum gross weight for the aircraft involved in the occurrence. This should be the same as the maximum gross weight indicated on the aircraft weight and balance documents.

Engine: Enter engine make and model information as indicated on the engine data plate.

The NTSB uses this form for aircraft accident prevention activities and for statistical purposes. NTSB regulations (49 CFR Part 830) require that ALL questions be answered completely and accurately. Completion of this form will take approximately 60 minutes. The NTSB does not guarantee the privacy of any information provided in this form. You need not complete this form unless it displays a valid OMB control number, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.5(b), which applies to this collection of information.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. "Aircraft Accident" means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death, or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage. For purposes of this form, the definition of "aircraft accident" includes "unmanned aircraft accident," as defined at 49 CFR 830.2.

2. "Substantial Damage" means damage or failure that adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and that would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. NOTE: Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairing or cowling, dented skin, small puncture holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wing tips are not considered "substantial damage" for purposes of this report.

3. "Operator" means any person who causes or authorizes the operation of an aircraft, such as the owner, lessee, or bailee of an aircraft.

4. "Fatal Injury" means any injury that results in death within thirty (30) days of the accident.

5. "Serious Injury" means any injury that (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fracture of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage; (4) involves injury to any internal organ; or (5) involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Type of Fire Extinguishing System: If a fire extinguishing system was used to fight an aircraft fire, specify the type(s) of extinguishing system(s) used. Examples include handheld extinguisher, engine fire bottle, cargo/baggage compartment fire suppression system, or airport emergency ground equipment.

Owner/Operator Information: Enter the owner information as shown on the registration certificate. Commercial operators, enter the operator information, including "doing business as" when applicable, as shown on the operator certificate.

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: Indicate whether the accident aircraft was conducting revenue sightseeing operations under 14 CFR Part 91 at the time of the accident.

Air Medical Flight: Indicate whether the accident flight was being conducted for the purpose of carrying medical personnel, patient(s), or organs.

Public Aircraft: Federal, state or local government flight operations such as official travel, law-enforcement, low-level observation, aerial application, firefighting, search and rescue, biological or geological resource management, or aeronautical research. Indicate whether the flight was conducted by the armed forces, federal, state, or local government.

Purpose of Flight: 14 CFR Parts 91, 103, 133, 136, and 137: Indicate the type of operation that was being conducted at the time of the occurrence using the following definitions:

AERIAL APPLICATION—Operations using an aircraft to perform aerial application or dispersion of any substance. Examples include agricultural, health, forestry, cloud seeding, firefighting, insect control, etc.

AERIAL OBSERVATION—These flights include aerial mapping/photography, patrol, search and rescue, hunting, highway traffic advisory, ranching, surveillance, oil and mineral exploration, criminal pursuit, fish spotting, etc.

AIR DROP—Aerial operations, other than aerial application, that are intended to release items in flight.

AIR RACE/SHOW—Includes any flight operations conducted as part of an organized air race or public demonstration.

BUSINESS—includes all personal flying without a paid professional crew for reasons associated with furthering a business, including transportation to and from business meetings or work. This does not include corporate/executive operations, air taxi, or commuter operations.

EXECUTIVE/CORPORATE—Company flying with a paid, professional crew.

FERRY—Non-revenue flight under a special flight or "ferry" permit. Refer to 14 CFR 21.197 for details of special flight permit issuance.

FLIGHT TEST—Flight for the purpose of investigating the flight characteristics of an aircraft/aircraft component or evaluating an applicant for a pilot certificate or rating.

INSTRUCTIONAL—Flying while under the supervision of a flight instructor or receiving air carrier training. Personal proficiency flight operations and personal flight reviews, as required by federal air regulations, are excluded.

OTHER WORK USE—Miscellaneous flight operations conducted for compensation or hire such as construction work (not 14 CFR Part 135 operation), parachuting, aerial advertising, towing gliders, etc.

PERSONAL—Flying for personal reasons (excludes business transportation) including pleasure or personal transportation. This also includes practice or proficiency flights performed under flight instructor supervision and not part of an approved flight training program.

POSITIONING—Non-revenue flight conducted for the primary purpose of relocating the aircraft. Examples include moving the aircraft to a maintenance facility or to load passengers or cargo etc.

UNKNOWN—Use only if the primary purpose of flight is not known.

Other Aircraft—Collision: For all accidents involving a collision with another aircraft, including parked aircraft, check "Collision with other aircraft" under Basic Information and complete this section indicating details about the OTHER aircraft involved in the collision.

Airport Information: Complete this section if the accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 statute miles of an airport. Please refer to the FAA Airport/Facility Directory or other official source for airport information.

Airport Identifier: Provide the official 3 or 4 character airport identifier number.

Runway: Indicate the number of the runway used, including L, R, or C if applicable.

Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the type of intended runway/landing surface (do not indicate surface conditions). If the surface type was mixed, check all that apply.

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the condition of the intended runway/landing surface. If multiple conditions existed at the time of the accident, check all that apply.

Weather Information at the Accident/Incident Site: Indicate the weather conditions reported at the accident/incident site at the time of occurrence. If no weather reporting was available for the accident/incident site, indicate the reported conditions at the nearest reporting site. Specify the weather reporting site identifier, the observation time, and distance from the accident/incident.

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Indicate the height above ground level of the lowest cloud condition present at the time of the accident/incident and whether coverage was reported as few, scattered, broken or overcast. Also indicate the height above ground level and coverage of the lowest cloud ceiling present at the time of the accident/incident (reported as broken or overcast).

NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs: Describe all NOTAMS (distant (D) or Flight Data Center (FDC), if known), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, and PIREPs in effect near the accident/incident.

Flight Crewmember Information: Indicate the category that best describes the capacity served by this flight crewmember at the time of the accident. The designators "Flight Crewmember 1" and "Flight Crewmember 2" do not refer to a specific pilot position or responsibility. If more than one pilot is aboard, they may be entered in any order and their capacity entered as appropriate.

Degree of Injury: See Definitions on the top half of Page 1 of the instructions. Minor injury is not defined. If an injury does not meet the criteria for another injury category, select Minor.

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent: Enter the date of the most recent flight review, or equivalent, completed by this pilot. Refer to 14 CFR 61.56 for accepted equivalents.

Type Ratings: List all type ratings on the pilot certificate. If the pilot holds no type ratings indicate "none." If the pilot holds a pilot certificate other than student and was flying an aircraft requiring an endorsement, enter the type and date of any logbook endorsement(s) for that aircraft. See 14 CFR 61 for examples of required endorsements.

Student Endorsements: If the pilot holds a student pilot certificate, enter all solo endorsements and dates on the student pilot certificate.

Flight Time: Complete the flight time matrix. Solo flight time should be included as "Pilot-in-Command (PIC)" and all dual flight instruction given should be included as "Time as Instructor."

Additional Flight Crewmembers: Complete this section if there were more than two required flight crewmembers on the aircraft. This also includes a check airman performing official duties but does not include cabin crew. State the capacity served by each included crewmember at the time of the accident.

Passenger(s)/Other Personnel: Enter identification and injury severity information for all passengers, cabin crew, and other personnel involved in the accident. See Page 1 of the instructions for the official definition of injury levels.

Several questions throughout the form allow for multiple responses; when appropriate, choose all responses that apply.

These instructions only pertain to major issue areas covered by NTSB Form 6120.1 *Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report*. For additional definitions of questions and responses, please refer to www.nts.gov.

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This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Haines State: Alaska

ZIP: 99827 Country: USA

Latitude: 58:54:25.2" N Longitude: 135:9:32.6 W Approx

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 11/04/2015 Local Time: 11:45
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Alaska Standard

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N4611U

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 180F

Serial Number: 18051311

Year of Manufacture: 1963

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2650 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2515 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: n/a Passenger Seats: 3

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☒ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Continental	O-470R	132122-5-R		230	5181	4	430
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 8/11/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 7464 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: Handheld under Pilot's Seat

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: McCauley

Model: 2A34C66-NP

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Western Avionics

Model or Part No.: KT76A

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☒ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☒ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☒ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Michael Mackowiak</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Haines</u> State: <u>Alaska</u> ZIP: <u>99827</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☒ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test ☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Business ☐ Personal ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning ☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving ☐ Ferry	
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>N/A</u> Airport Identifier: _____ Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown	
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around ☐ Initial Climb ☐ ☐ ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact ☐ ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification First Name: <u>Michael</u> Middle Initial: <u>S</u> Last Name: <u>Mackowiak</u> City of Residence: <u>Haines</u> State: <u>Alaska</u> ZIP: <u>99827</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>56</u> Date of Birth: <u> </u>/1959 mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: <u> </u>																																																																																																				
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Last 24 Hours	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																																																										

“Flight Crewmember 2” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

First Name: N/A

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial:

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number:

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Available

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:

mm/dd/yyyy

Make: _____

Model:

Rating(s)	Instrument Rating(s)	Instructor Rating(s)
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☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

☐ None
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)									
Crew Name and Address					Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: <u>N/A</u> City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No					Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
Crew Name and Address					Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No					Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)									
Name and Address			Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u> </u> City: <u>Haines</u> Middle Initial: <u>O</u> State: <u>AK</u> ZIP: <u>99827</u> Last Name: <u> </u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☒ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>1</u>	☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u> </u> City: <u>Haines</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>AK</u> ZIP: <u>99827</u> Last Name: <u> </u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other			☒ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Martha</u> City: <u>Haines</u> Middle Initial: <u>S</u> State: <u>AK</u> ZIP: <u>99827</u> Last Name: <u>Mackowiak</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☒ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☒ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☒ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>N/A</u> City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed	
Airport ID: <u>PAJN</u>	Time: <u>1300 approx</u>	Airport ID: <u>PAHN</u>	☒ None	☐ VFR/IFR
City: <u>Juneau</u>		City: <u>Haines</u>	☐ Company VFR	☐ IFR
State: <u>Alaska</u>	Time Zone: <u>AKDT</u>	State: <u>Alaska</u>	☐ Military VFR	☐ Unknown
Country: <u>USA</u>		Country: <u>USA</u>	☐ VFR	
			Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

☐ None	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise
☒ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i>				Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:
☐ Class A	☐ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)	☐ Special	<u>2500</u> ft msl
☐ Class B	☐ Demo Area	☐ Airport Advisory Area	☐ Air Traffic Control Area	
☐ Class C	☐ Warning Area	☐ Jet Training Area	☐ Unknown	
☐ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	☐ TRSA		
☒ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93		

Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	Weather Observation Facility
☒ National Weather Service ☒ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☒ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather	Facility ID: <u>ASOS/AWOS PAJN/PAHN</u> Observation Time: <u>1245</u> Time Zone: <u>AKDT</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>46</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>313</u> degrees true

Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered	Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☒ Overcast ☐ Unknown	Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>35</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>3200</u> ft agl	Ceiling Height <u>3200</u> ft agl	

Wind Direction ☐ Variable - or - Direction: <u>330</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable - or - Speed: <u>20</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☐ Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>+ 6</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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Intensity of Precipitation	Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i>				Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
☒ Light	☒ None	☐ Drizzle	☐ Freezing Rain	☒ None	☐ Fog	
☐ Moderate	☐ Rain	☐ Ice Pellets	☐ Snow Shower	☐ Blowing Dust	☐ Ground Fog	
☐ Heavy	☒ Snow	☐ Snow Pellets	☐ Ice Pellets Shower	☐ Blowing Sand	☐ Haze	
☐ N/A	☐ Hail	☐ Snow Grains	☐ Freezing Drizzle	☐ Blowing Snow	☐ Ice Fog	
☐ Unknown	☐ Rain Showers	☐ Ice Crystals		☐ Blowing Spray	☐ Smoke	
				☐ Dust	☐ Unknown	

Icing Forecast		Icing Actual		Turbulence	
Amount	Type	Amount	Type	Type <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	Severity
☒ None	☐ N/A	☒ None	☐ N/A	☐ None	☒ Light
☐ Trace	☐ Rime	☐ Trace	☐ Rime	☐ Clear Air	☐ Moderate
☐ Light	☐ Clear	☐ Light	☐ Clear	☒ Terrain-Induced	☐ Severe
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed	☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed	☐ Convective Turbulence	☐ Extreme
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown	☐ Severe	☐ Unknown		
☐ Unknown		☐ Unknown			

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☒ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

Unknown. Aircraft sank after water landing and has not been recovered.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Please see the attached statement.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)
Unknown at this time.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part____ Hours
____ CyclesTime Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATIONFuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

Approximately 48 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet B ☐ Other, specify _____
☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP8
☐ 100/130 ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Automotive

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

All four occupants exited through right door and stood on underside of right wing.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

N4611U

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 180F

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☒ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: Michael Mackowiak
City: Haines
State: Alaska ZIP: 99827
Country: USA

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: N/A
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report 12/10/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Michael Mackowiak

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: Patrick N. Bergt Title: Attorney for Airman

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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NTSB Accident/Incident No. ANC16LA005	Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office ALASKA	Name of Investigator SHAUN WILLIAMS	Date Report Received 12/14/2015
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NTSB #ANC16LA005 Statement for N4611U

Submitted by
Michael Mackowiak PIC
PP Cert# [REDACTED]

Souls onboard:

Michael Mackowiak age 56 PIC (left front seat) of Haines, AK
[REDACTED] age 17 (right front seat) of Haines, AK
Martha Mackowiak age 51 (right rear seat) of Haines, AK
[REDACTED] age 17 (left rear seat) of Haines, AK

Aircraft is a 1963 Cessna 180F with O-470 Continental.

On 11/4/2015 at approximately 0900AST, I called Juneau FSS to discuss the weather and a possible trip from PAHN Haines to PAJN Juneau. I asked for a standard briefing and the briefer and I discussed the ceilings and visibility in Haines, enroute, and in Juneau for the time frame from about 1030 AST until my planned returned departure up until about 1400 AST from PAJN to return north to PAHN. Visibility was good in Haines with Low VFR conditions in Juneau due to scattered clouds and mountain obscuration – conditions common to this time of year. If I remember correctly, a Pilot report had indicated light Rime Ice at around 4000ft. When flying into PAJN, I always leave with full fuel in the advent that I cannot get into PAJN or am forced to circle waiting for clouds to clear, or return to PAHN or alternate to Gustavus or Hoonah.

I preflighted the plane and warmed it for a period until the oil temp began to rise, then taxied over to the fuel pump. I went ahead and topped off both tanks. I returned the hose and ladder, retrieved my key and noted that I had pumped 38.9gls. I entered the aircraft, did my prestart checklist and realized I had forgotten to sump the tanks. So, I shut down the electrical, unbuckled, got out and rocked the wings a little to settle any water into the sumps and then check them. No water was present.

The flight to PAJN was unremarkable. It took 45 minutes to complete the flight. I calculated in my head I had burned about 12 gallons of fuel. I parked my airplane and went into town to pick up my family and spent time shopping. Once we were ready, we returned to the airport.

At the plane, I again inspected it and did not see any puddles of oil or fuel under the plane. After making sure seatbelts were properly fastened, I began my prestart checks. As the engine started I got the rpm down below 1000rpm and then glanced over the gauges on the right side of the panel. I was looking for Oil pressure and temperature, but also glanced at the fuel gauges which showed about $\frac{3}{4}$ or a little more. This is what I expected to see after the roughly 45 minute flight from Haines with a 20kt tailwind.

After taking off, we cleared Pederson Hill. The lower scattered clouds dissipated and we were looking at a ceiling a little above 2000ft. I continued a gradual climb to 1500ft and switched to the CTAF of 122.9 as we passed over Tea Harbor and gave a position report. It was about this

time that my son pointed out the Carburetor/OAT gauge in front of him and noted to me that the "Icing" LED was illuminated.

I checked for carburetor ice by pulling the carb heat out smoothly and fully. I noted that the manifold pressure dipped a couple of marks but remained steady without climbing – if I remember correctly, the indicated carburetor air temp, with heat on, was around 44degF. I left it on for about a minute and then returned it to the normal position.

As we were over "Eagle Beach", I checked for carburetor icing again and followed with an instrument scan to check my CHT and cowl position. As I glanced to the right to check oil pressure and temp, I was alarmed to see the left fuel tank gauge pegged hard to the left indicating empty (I'd never seen the gauge hard against the edge of the meter). I checked the right fuel tank gauge and it too was pegged to the left, but not quite as hard against the edge of the meter, there was a little gap there. I had already started a slow climb from 1500MSL to 2500MSL as I could see the ceiling rising ahead as we approached Berner's Bay, and I continued the climb as I looked around for options if we were really out of fuel.

The engine was running smooth and climbing fine, responding to changes in the power setting. My initial thought was alarm, but as I looked at the gauges and remembered the fuel I had leaving Juneau, I started to suspect an electrical problem. I checked the circuit breakers, but did not detect any popped. I tapped on the glass of the near gauge and nothing changed. I asked my son, Nik, to check the circuit breakers also and see if it was something electrical. I turned my attention outside again trying to determine my best options for an emergency landing. Nik also checked the breakers and tapped the gauges. A moment or two later he said that the right gauge now showed 1/4 to 3/8. This convinced me that we had some kind of electrical problem with the fuel gauges, maybe a short in the supply line.

I decided to continue my flight knowing that I had topped off with fuel in Haines, the range of the plane, and what I had seen on the fuel gauges when we left Juneau. I continued to monitor the engine and listen for anything unusual.

As we crossed the visual line which runs through the Chilkat Peninsula, Chilkat Islands, and Eldred Rock, I continued over the Eastern shore of Lynn Canal rather than immediately changing course – I don't like flying over open water and wanted to be sure I had enough altitude to cross over, so I continued up the coast until I reached a point that was slightly less than forty-five degrees from the eastern shore of Lynn Canal towards Eldred Rock. When we reached that point, I turned gently to the new heading and began to cross towards Eldred Rock.

When we had reached about the halfway point across, I felt the airplane slow and the sound of the engine diminish. I looked down at the manifold pressure and it was dropping. I immediately pulled the carburetor heat, but did not notice any slowing in the rate or change in the engine sound. I checked the fuel valve between the seats and confirmed that it was in the center position, I pushed the mixture valve all the way in, but nothing changed. I then pumped the throttle and put it in the position for starting the engine (about 1/4" in from fully out). I tried

cranking but didn't detect any change in the engine. While cranking, I pumped the primer twice and thought (perhaps wishfully) that I detected an increase in rpm, but then nothing further. As I looked ahead into the 20kt headwind, I did not feel I could make it to Eldred Rock. I looked to the west towards Sullivan Island, and knew that was out of reach as well. It seemed my only choice was downwind reversing course and hopefully gaining some range with the wind. I called out a Mayday indicating my position south of Eldred Rock and that my engine had stopped, but did not hear a reply. After I completed my turn both Nik and I saw what looked like a potential beach farther ahead on an alluvial fan extending into the Canal. It looked like we could make the beach without too much difficulty. I tried to keep my IAS between 70 and 80 mph, I kept my flaps retracted trying to keep the plane clean and stretch my glide as far as possible. I again called out a MayDay. This time indicating that I saw a beach ahead that we were going to try and make. Again, repeating that we were a few miles south of Eldred Rock and on the East Side of the canal. I got a response on the CTAF that they had heard me and that they were sending a Helicopter.

I could see shortly that we were not going to make the beach and it seemed that our decent rate was greater than normal and the glide slope was steeper than normal.

I warned the passengers that we would not make it to the beach and that we were going to land in the water. I instructed them to unlatch the doors and to put one hand on their seatbelt buckle so they knew where it was. I told them that after we landed we needed to get out as fast as possible.

I turned my focus totally to landing the plane on the water. I tried to stay parallel and about 100 or so yards off the beach, at the same time hoping to get as close to the alluvial bench ahead of us, because we would be more visible to searchers there. I held a 70mph IAS as we descended and flared like we were landing on a gravel strip to arrest my descent. As we touched down we started skipping across the wave tops tail low. We abruptly nosed over and flipped upside down in the water.

After getting out, I instructed everyone to swim to the beach. The plane sunk and we were rescued. There were no injuries to me or my passengers as a result of the incident. All injuries sustained resulted from the swim to the beach and subsequent rescue.


[Redacted signature]

12/3/2015

Michael Mackowiak PIC PP Cert# [Redacted]