

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place Bethel State Alaska
ZIP 99559 Country USA
Latitude 60 46 43.464 Longitude 161 50 16.076
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees minutes seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date 11/11/2016 Local Time 1650 appx.
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone Alaska DS

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N9084J

Manufacturer: Piper

Model: PA-32R-301

Serial Number: 32-8506013

Year of Manufacture: 1985

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 3600 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2600 e lbs

Number of Seats: 6 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: N/A Passenger Seats: 5

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 | Special |
|--|---|
| ☒ Normal | ☐ Restricted |
| ☐ Aerobatic | ☐ Limited |
| ☐ Balloon | ☐ Provisional |
| ☐ Commuter | ☐ Special Flight |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Experimental |
| ☐ Utility | ☐ 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/Serial	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	Lycoming	IO-540-K1G5	RL-26585-48E	6/24/2014	300	2266.8	21.6	213.4
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 08/31/2016
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 6989.1 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: Pilot activated, Halotron I

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: Hartzell

Model: HC-C3YR-1RF

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Artex

Model or Part No.: ME 406

TSO No.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ OC91a (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

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: N/A

Model: N/A

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>State of Alaska Department of Public Safety</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>5700 E. Tudor Rd</u> State: <u>Anchorage</u> ZIP: <u>99507</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 ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ Domestic ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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>Bethel Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>PABE</u> Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>1</u> appx _____ sm Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>129</u> ft msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>N/A</u> (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Dry ☐ Holes ☐ Ice Covered ☒ Rough ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Snow-Compacted ☒ Snow-Crusted ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Soft ☒ Vegetation ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Wet ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Concrete ☒ Dirt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Gravel ☐ Ice ☐ Macadam ☐ Metal/Wood ☒ Snow ☐ Water ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☐ Takeoff ☐ Initial Climb ☒ VFR Departure ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Downwind ☐ Base ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Go Around ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ SDF ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ TACAN ☐ PAR ☐ Sidestep ☐ ILS ☐ Localizer Only ☐ LOC-back course ☐ RNAV ☐ MLS ☐ LDA ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ Contact ☐ Circling ☐ Practice ☐ GPS ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☒ Straight-In ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Go Around ☐ Full Stop ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☒ Forced Landing ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification First Name: <u>James</u> Middle Initial: <u>W</u> Last Name: <u>Sears JR</u> City of Residence: <u>Fairbanks</u> State: <u>AK</u> ZIP: <u>99709</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>51</u> Date of Birth: <u>1965</u> mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: <u> </u>																																																																																																				
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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

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

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

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: _____

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table border="0"> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer																	
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance	Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy														

Medical Certificate Limitations

N/A

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

N/A

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

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: N/A

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

N/A

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

N/A

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address

First Name N/A City of Residence _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Seat Occupied

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

Injury

☐ 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 **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ 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

First Name N/A City of Residence _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front
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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

First Name: N/A City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

Seat

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

Injury

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Restraint Type

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
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☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

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

Age

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: N/A City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
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☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

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

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: N/A City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
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 Row: _____

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☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

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

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: N/A City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: PABE

City: Bethel

State: Alaska

Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 1645

Time Zone: Alaska C

Destination

Airport ID: PPIT

City: Nunapitchuk

State: Alaska

Country: USA

Type Flight Plan Filed

☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☒ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ 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 (Check all that apply)

☐ Class A ☐ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special
☐ 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

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:

800 ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☒ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☒ Automated Report ☐ None
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown
☐ On-Board Weather

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: PABE

Observation Time: 1640

Time Zone: Alaska

Distance from Accident Site: 1 nm

Direction from Accident Site: NE degrees true

Basic Conditions

☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Light Condition

☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken
☒ Few ☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown
☐ Scattered

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

2800 ft agl

Ceiling

☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured
☒ Broken ☐ Indefinite
☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height

2800 ft agl

Temperature: _____ (C) or 24 (F)

Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F)

Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg
 or _____ MB

Wind Direction

☒ Variable 10
 -or-
 Direction: 01 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

Speed: 10 kts

Wind Gusts

☐ Not Gusting

Speed: 15 kts

Visibility: 10+ miles

RVR: _____ feet

RVV: _____ miles

Density Altitude: _____ ft

Intensity of Precipitation

☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☒ N/A
☐ Unknown

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower
☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle
☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

Amount ☐ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☒ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

Amount ☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply)
☐ None ☐ Clear Air
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence
 Severity ☒ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme

NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage

- ☐ None
- ☐ Minor
- ☒ Substantial
- ☐ Destroyed
- ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

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

Aircraft Explosion

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

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

Engine un-airworthy due to undetermined damage sustained due to loss of engine oil and off-airport landing.
 Propeller un-airworthy due to damage sustain as a result of off airport landing
 Airframe un-airworthy due to damage sustained as a result of off airport landing to include collapse of left main landing gear assembly, collapse of nose gear assembly, and undetermined amount of damage to left wing skin and structure.
 No other property damage observed.

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 and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible. On 11/11/16 at about 1630hrs, I took the engine cover off of N9084J. I crawled under the nose of the plane to unhook the 3 clips to release the engine cover. I felt the engine and it was still warm. I stuffed the engine cover in the nose storage and climbed in the plane. I did not do a complete run up because I had just flown the plane earlier that day. I let the engine idle as I got weather, checked gauges, tested the autopilot and punched in Nunapitchuk into the Garmin. All the gauges were in the green and I taxied to intersection "Golf" and took off.

It was a normal take off and I was headed to Nunapitchuk. I set the autopilot at about 700 to 800 feet and the plane was running fine. There was a layer of broken clouds at about 1000 feet on the route to the village. I heard a rattling sound in the engine and felt a vibration. I scanned the gauges and saw that I had no oil pressure on the gauge. I immediately took the plane off autopilot, started a 180° turn and declared an emergency with Bethel tower. The engine was still running fine and I thought it might just be the gauge. The Bethel tower asked if I would need help and I told them no at this time. Right after that transmission the engine began popping and the oil started to hit the windscreen. The oil was coming from out of the dipstick inspection door. I could hear each cylinder popping and I was losing power. The engine quit, the propeller stopped and the cowling was billowing smoke. I told Bethel Tower I was not going to make it and I was headed for the tundra and would probably need help. The engine quit over the housing complex and I did not want to injure anyone or destroy property. I landed in the tundra about a mile SW of the Bethel Tower. I came to rest upright and the cabin was filled with a thick blue smoke and I could smell something burning. I got out of the plane and opened both doors. I took photographs of the scene and was treated and released by the Bethel Firefighters.

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.)

Lycoming Engine; part number HENPL-RT9591; Serial Number RL-26585-48E

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

Hours

Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

@ 40

Gallons

Fuel Type

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

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

opened door and got out.

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

Aircraft Registration Number

N/A

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

ZIP: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

ZIP: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

I was curious about what might have caused the engine to fail and returned to the trooper hanger. I located an oil patch where I had started and warmed up the plane. I took a photograph. That oil was not there when I crawled under the plane to remove the engine cover. Something on the engine must have gave way when I started it or during idling.

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

Date of this Report

11/22/16
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

James Walter Sears JR

Signature: _____

- or -

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

- or -

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**

NTSB Accident/Incident No.

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Name of Investigator

Noreen Price

Date Report Received

11/23/16