

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

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Sulfur Spring State: TX
 ZIP: 75482 Country: USA
 Latitude: 33:21:41 (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 095:26:35 (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 04/19/2013 Local Time: 12:00:00
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: CDT

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☒ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

_____ ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Piper

Model: Saratoga PS 32-0301

Serial Number: 32-8306002

Registration Number: N82723

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 3,600 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3,078 lbs

Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:

84.95 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

☒ Normal
☐ Utility
☐ Acrobatic
☐ Transport

Special

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

Number of Seats: 6

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear

☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☒ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

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

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 04/04/2013

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: _____ hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☐ None
☒ Specify Halon

ELT Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: _____

Battery Exp. Date: _____

Engine Type

☒ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☒ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: HARTZELL

Model: HC-C3YR-1RF

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming	IO 540 KIG5	L-15708-48A	02-21-2008	300	4,683	6	1,379
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property <i>(use additional sheet if necessary)</i> No property damage. The engine had a failure due to a broken rod. Nose wheel broke off and folded under the cowl. Right wing tip wrinkled. Fuselage wrinkled at fire wall and baggage compartment.			
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)</i>			
Airport Identifier: _____		Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM	
Airport Name: _____		Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG	
Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip		Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL	
Approach Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around ☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sideslip ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown ☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact ☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown	
Runway Information Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft		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 ☐ Unknown ☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation	
FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION			
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KPPF</u> City: <u>Parsons</u> State: <u>Kansas</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>10:30 am</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	
Destination Airport ID: <u>KCXO</u> City: <u>Conroe</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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> ☐ Class A ☒ Class E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area			
Aircraft Load Description <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock ☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☐ Unknown ☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds			
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION			
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff <i>(convert from pounds, as necessary)</i> _____ 90 Gallons		Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____ ☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP4 ☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5	
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

I was the only occupant in the airplane. I opened the cabin doors and exited the aircraft.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ NM Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees MAG		Source of Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ Unknown		Method of Briefing (Check all that apply) ☐ In Person ☐ Teletype ☒ Telephone/Computer ☐ Aircraft Radio ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Unknown	
Briefing Type/Completeness ☒ Full ☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☐ Abbreviated ☐ Unknown ☐ Not Pertinent		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Not Reported		Visibility _____ 10 miles	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown		Ceiling ☒ None (clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft AGL		Ceiling Height _____ ft AGL			
Wind Direction ☒ Indicated: _____ 320 degrees MAG ☐ Variable	Wind Speed Velocity: _____ 12 KTS -or- ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable	Wind Gusts Velocity: _____ KTS ☐ Gusting ☒ Not Gusting	Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ In Clouds ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm Severity of Turbulence ☐ Extreme ☐ Severe ☐ Moderate ☐ Moderate Chop ☐ Light		
NOTAMs (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident					
Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ 3024 in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: _____ ft Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F)		Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed Icing Actual Amount ☐ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy	

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)																
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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military						Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ ☐ Unknown										
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
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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 time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

I departed Parsons Kansas KPPF at about 10:30 AM CDT on a VFR flight to Conroe TX KCXO. . About 90 minutes after departure and several miles south of Paris TX the engine quit making power and oil flowed out the of the cowling onto the windshield. A short conversation with FTW Center determined the plane would not glide to the nearest airport. The oil on the windshield restricted visibility. I selected a landing site and glided downwind, base and visibility on final was zero. The airplane landed in the selected pasture, the nose wheel broke , the right wing tip scraped the ground and wrinkled the skin. The plane came to rest in a very short distance .. I secured the plane and climbed out. First I contact the flight service station to report condition to center. Second contact was the sheriff's department.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

This was an unpredictable engine failure. With a very good outcome. Practice emergency procedures.

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**

04/20/2013

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: David Christy**Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator**

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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