

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: St. Joseph State: MI
 ZIP: 49085 Country: USA
 Latitude: 42.0981° N (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 86.4842° W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 09/23/2013 Local Time: 6:45 pm
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: Eastern

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: Buckeye Industries

Model: Dream Machine

Serial Number: 3796997

Registration Number: N6122F

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Max Gross Weight: 900 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 680 lbs

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

0 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: 2

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: 05/08/2013

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 250 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 _____

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: Ivoprop

Model: Ultralight Model Quick Adjustable

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	Rotax	503	4837774	10/01/1997	52	268		4
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>John D. Gatto</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Owner Address City: <u>[REDACTED]</u> State: <u>MI</u> ZIP: <u>49127</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address ☒ Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Public Use (select type) ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Unknown ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces		Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) ☒ Personal ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Instructional ☐ Ferry ☐ Positioning ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race / Show ☐ Flight Test ☐ Public Use ☐ Unknown		Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International ☐ Domestic ☐ International Cargo Operation ☐ Passenger/Cargo ☐ Passenger _____ How many? ☐ Cargo _____ lbs ☐ Mail	
Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (135) ☐ Large Helicopter (127) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft			

Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None
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First Name: _____ City: _____
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Last Name: _____ Country: _____

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Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i>	Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles
	Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours

Aircraft Damage		Aircraft Fire		Aircraft Explosion	
☐ None	☒ Substantial	☒ None	☐ Both Ground and In-Flight	☒ None	☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Minor	☐ Destroyed	☐ In-Flight	☐ Unknown Origin	☐ In-Flight	☐ Unknown Origin
		☐ On-Ground		☐ On-Ground	

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

Aircraft Damage:

2 of 3 prop blades sheared off; left axle sheared off; left passenger footpeg sheared off, left pilot footbar bent; left CG tube bent, right fan guard support bent, engine mount washers bent.

No property damage.

AIRPORT INFORMATION *(If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)*

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 *(Select one)*☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)**IFR Approach** *(Check all that apply)*☐ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran
☐ VOR/TWOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling**VFR Approach** *(Check all that apply)*☐ 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

Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow**Condition of Runway/Landing Surface** *(Check all that apply)*☐ 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: PrivateCity: St. JosephState: MICountry: USA**Time of Departure**Time: 6:45Time Zone: Eastern**Destination**Airport ID: PrivateCity: St. JosephState: MICountry: USA**Type Flight Plan Filed**☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFRActivated? ☐ Yes ☐ No**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 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** *(Check all that apply)*☐ 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***(convert from pounds, as necessary)*

_____ 8 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 ☒ NoMethod of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location
Cart was inverted on right side at stop; pic and passenger unbuckled safety harnesses and exited.**WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**

Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KBEH Metar</u> Observation Time: <u>2253Z</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>6.4</u> NM Direction from Accident Site: <u>02</u> 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 <u>10</u> 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: <u>110</u> degrees MAG ☐ Variable	Wind Speed Velocity: <u>7</u> 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

None applicable.

Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>64</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.07</u> in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: <u>935</u> ft Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>46</u> (F)	Icing Forecast 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
	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed		

PILOT "A" INFORMATION

Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

Pilot "A" Identification

First Name: John City: Stevensville
 Middle Initial: D State: MI ZIP: 49127
 Last Name: Gatto Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 56 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy +

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☒ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Waivers

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

10/08/2011
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Buckeye
 Model: Dream Machine

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
☐ Free 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 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

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	250	250								
Pilot in Command (PIC)	250	250								
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	2.75	2.75								
Last 30 Days	0	0								
Last 24 Hours	0	0								

PILOT "B" INFORMATION**Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

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

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: _____ City: _____
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Last Name: _____ Country: _____
Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Certificate Number: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Seat Belt

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Waivers**

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:** _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
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
☐ Free 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 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings**Student Endorsements (Include dates)**

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 CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)

Pilot Name and Address		Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious
First Name: _____	City: _____	
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	
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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs		

Pilot Name and Address		Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious
First Name: _____	City: _____	
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	
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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs		

Pilot Name and Address		Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious
First Name: _____	City: _____	
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	
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
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 flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
First Name: <u>William</u> City: <u>Rapid City</u> Middle Initial: <u>R</u> State: <u>SD</u> ZIP: <u>57701</u> Last Name: <u>Kudera</u> Country: <u>USA</u>			☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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.

Time of departure: 6:45 pm EDT

Place of departure: Grass airstrip located at [REDACTED] St. Joseph, MI 49085

Intended destination: Local flight.

The North-South grass strip is approximately 2350 ft in length. From the southern end, 800 feet of the runway is 90 ft wide with the remainder approximately 40 feet wide. Property owner's driveway accesses the southern end of the strip, and is adjacent to owner's housing and pole barn. From the south end, the strip slopes downward 5-10 degrees for approximately 450 feet, where it becomes level. The strip surrounded by soybean fields.

Wind SSE 2-3 kts, takeoff direction on north-south runway was to north.

Roll was normal and parachute lifted evenly, but stopped at about 60 degrees to the horizontal, which is characteristic of parachute performance. Kept full power on, expecting chute to rotate fully overhead and provide takeoff lift. Chute rotated but mild gust from the east (crosswind) partially collapsed right side of chute. Steered chute left to compensate, and expected chute to re-inflate. Lifted off the ground but chute was not completely formed, so cart briefly touched down and lifted off again, and immediately swung to left - I over controlled to the right, cart swung right. Cart approximately 6-7 feet agl at this point. I determined that adequate control was not possible and cut throttle - cart nose impacted grass runway at about 25 degree angle, with cart rotated approximately 30 degrees to the left. Upon impact cart rolled over.

I unbuckled with no apparent injuries and proceeded to unbuckle passenger, who sustained a cut on his left hand between thumb and first finger, and a left ankle injury - his foot slipped from the cart foot-peg and caught the ground, injury was first assumed to be sprain, later exam in the ER revealed a break in the fibula.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Avoid takeoffs where there is a potential for crosswind gusts, even small ones can deform a parachute that is not fully pressurized. The pilot should always be prepared to abort a takeoff when the wing is not properly formed or stable.

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**

09-25-2013

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: John D. Gatto

Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

Central Region

Name of Investigator

Andrew Todd Fox

Date Report Received

09/25/2013