

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: <u>OSAGE</u> State: <u>MN</u> ZIP: _____ Country: _____ Latitude: _____ (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: _____ (ddd:mm:ss E/W)		Date/Time Date: <u>7-25-2014</u> Local Time: <u>10:45</u> mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: <u>CST</u>	
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: <u>Continental Motors Inc</u> Model: <u>Tomecat MK5A</u> Serial Number: <u>1921</u> Registration Number: <u>N161SH</u> Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Max Gross Weight: <u>2850</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>2600</u> lbs Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ inches from ☐ nose or ☐ datum -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)	
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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: <u>1</u> 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
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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: <u>03/31/2014</u> mm/dd/yyyy Airframe Total Time: <u>2132</u> hrs hours measured at (check one) ☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident
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IFR Equipped ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown	Stall Warning System Installed ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown	Type of Fire Extinguishing System ☒ None ☐ Specify _____
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ELT Installed ☐ Yes ☒ No ELT Activated ☐ Yes ☐ No	ELT Manufacturer: _____ Model/Series: _____ Serial Number: _____ Battery Type: _____ Battery Exp. Date: _____	
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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: _____ Model: _____
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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	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>VO435</u>			<u>265</u>			
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION		
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>DIANE L Churchill</u>		State: <u>MD</u> ZIP: <u>55352</u> Country: <u>USA</u>
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Operator Address ☐ Same As Registered Owner City: <u>Le Sueur</u> State: <u>MD</u> ZIP: <u>55352</u> Country: <u>USA</u>
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Registered Owner Name: <u>Scotts Helicopter Service</u> Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ FAR 125 ☒ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Public Use (select type) ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown		Revenue Sightseeing 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) ☒ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)		
Aircraft Registration Number: _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)		
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.) 		Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY		
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☒ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed	Aircraft Fire ☐ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground	Aircraft Explosion ☐ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground

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

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/TVOR ☐ 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

LIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Country: _____

Time of Departure

Time: _____
 Time Zone: _____

Destination

Airport ID: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Country: _____

Type Flight Plan Filed

☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR
 Activated? ☐ 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)

15 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

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: FORE FLIGHTObservation Time: 10:30 AMTime Zone: CSTDistance from Accident Site: 12 NMDirection from Accident Site: 090 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**3000 ft AGL**Ceiling Height**

_____ ft AGL

Wind Direction☒ Indicated:
210 degrees MAG☐ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 8 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 63 (F)Altimeter Setting: _____ 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

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: JAMES Myron City: LAKE HAVASU CITY
 Middle Initial: _____ State: AZ ZIP: 86406
 Last Name: Cox Country: U.S.A
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 63 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
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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

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 <u>4-29-2014</u> mm/dd/yyyy
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Medical Certificate Limitations

MUST HAVE AVAILABLE GLASSES FOR NEAR VISION

Medical Certificate Waivers

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

2-12-13
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: BHT
 Model: 407

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 ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☒ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

NONE

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	15,500	120						11,000		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	15,300	120						10,700		
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
1st 90 Days	120	120						120		
1st 30 Days	90	90						90		
Last 24 Hours	12	12						12		

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.

While on a spray run with about 70 gallons the engine started sputtering so I pulled up slightly then the engine smoothed out for a few seconds then started sputtering again. I was already slowed down and saw that the helicopter was not going to stay airborne, I flared and pulled the collective just before touchdown then hit the ground.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

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**07/31/2014
mm/dd/yyyy**Signature of**

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

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

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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