

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

Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Port O'Connor State: TX
 ZIP: 77979 Country: U.S.A.
 Latitude: 28.44295 Longitude: 96.43241
 (Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/21/2015 Local Time: 3:30 pm
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: Cent

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N429AR
 Manufacturer: Bell Helicopter
 Model: 429
 Serial Number: 57035
 Year of Manufacture: 2011
 Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans Make: ☐ Original Design

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 7000 lbs
 Weight at Time of ~~Accident~~/Incident: 6100 lbs
 Number of Seats: 7 Flight Crew Seats: 2
 Cabin Crew Seats: Passenger Seats: 5
 Number of Engines: 2

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	Rolls Royce	PW 207D1	PCE-BL0077	Aug 2010	621	1241.9	19.0	new
Eng 2	Rolls Royce	PW 207D1	PCE-BL0076	Jul 2010	621	1241.9	19.0	new
Eng 3								
Eng 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 6/19/15

Airframe Total Time: 1168.8 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:

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer:

Model:

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer:

Model:

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer:

Model or Part No.:

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

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: Roberts Ranch + Investments LLCCity: GiddingsState: TXZIP: 78942Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☐ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ 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 (Select one)

- ☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local

☐ Unknown**Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135**

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International

- ☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ 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

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)**Airport Name: N/A

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 (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☒ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

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
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ 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 (Check all that apply)☒ None

- ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ I.D.A. ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling
☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)☐ 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

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying
☒ Yes
☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: JAMES

Middle Initial: R

Last Name: THOMAS

City of Residence: PEARLAND

State: TEXAS

ZIP: 77581

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 48

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury

☒ None
☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

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

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

05/18/2015
 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: 02/03/2015
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Bell

Model: B407

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

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	9300	22	135	0	15	0		9165	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	9200	22	90	0					0	0
Time as Instructor	400	0	0	0	280			400	0	0
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	70	0	0	0	9			70	0	0
Last 30 Days	23	16	0	0	6			23	0	0
Last 24 Hours	1.7	1.7	0	0	0			1.7	0	0

"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

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

Inflatable Restraints

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

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: _____

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

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 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

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
☐ 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

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

Seat Occupied

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

First Name: ALAN City: Giddings
 Middle Initial: _____ State: TX ZIP: 78942
 Last Name: Roberts Country: U.S.A
☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other

Seat

☒ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

Injury

☒ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

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

Age

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

First Name: Robyn City: Giddings
 Middle Initial: _____ State: TX ZIP: 78942
 Last Name: Roberts Country: U.S.A
☐ 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

First Name: _____ 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

First Name: _____ 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

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: N/A
City: Giddings
State: TEXAS
Country: U.S.A.

Time of Departure

Time: 2:50 pm
Time Zone: C

Destination

Airport ID: N/A
City: Port O'Connor
State: TEXAS
Country: U.S.A.

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: PKV
Observation Time: 3:10 pm
Time Zone: Cent
Distance from Accident Site: 22 nm
Direction from Accident Site: 337 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

 ft agl

Ceiling

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

Ceiling Height

 ft agl

Temperature: (C) or (F)

Dew Point: (C) or (F)

Altimeter Setting: in. Hg
or MB

Wind Direction

☐ Variable

-or-
Direction: 180 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

-or-
Speed: 12 kts

Wind Gusts

☒ Not Gusting

-or-
Speed: kts

Visibility: 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 ☐ Light
☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe
☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme

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

N/A

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)

PC LINK BROKEN.

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 08/21/15 AT APPROX 2:50 pm we departed A Ranch in Giddings TX. the flight was to A house in Port Oconner TX Approx 40 minutes away. the flight was normal with no problems observed until approx. 8 minutes before Landing at the Listed destination I felt A slight vibration and a very faint bumping sound. I checked All Controls For Movement with NO Adverse Effects And NO Loss of Control. the Approach was normal, upon bringing the Aircraft to A hover at approx. 4 feet over the helipad I observed A slow Right YAW/TURN that was uncommanded, upon pushing the Left Pedal to its limit the YAW/TURN stopped and At the same time I lowered the Collective and sat the helicopter down on its skids. A normal shut down was conducted And everyone Exited the Aircraft with NO Injuries or damage. Upon Post Flight inspection Found one tail Rotor Pitch Link to be broken.

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.)

TAIL Rotor Pitch Control Link, Bell Helicopter,
429-012-112-103, Ser TE-168.

Pitch Control Link broke in half at bearing Mount

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

UNK Hours

UNK Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

6.6 Hours

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

Avex 135 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

Pre Flight Inspection.

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

Passengers AND crew opened doors AND walked away.

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

Aircraft Registration Number

N/A

Manufacturer:

N/A

Model:

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☒ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name:

N/A

City:

State:

ZIP:

Country:

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

11/10/2015

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: _____

Signature: _____

- or -

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

Signature: _____

Title: Manager

- or -

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**NTSB Accident/Incident No.
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