

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: Ionina State: Mi

ZIP: 48846 Country: USA

Latitude: 42 56.27N Longitude: 085 03.63W

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 12/16/2016 Local Time: 1045
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: edt

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N812C

Manufacturer: Stinson

Model: 108-3

Serial Number: 108-3812

Year of Manufacture: 1948

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 2500 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: ~1900 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 3

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

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ 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/Series	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	Franklin	6A-335-B1A	56005-3	unknown	180	710	5.8	710
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 11/11/2016
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 4125.8 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: McCauley

Model: 2A34C22P

Propeller 2

- ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: ACK

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☒ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (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: Paul NichollsCity: LowellFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoState: Mi ZIP: 49331Country: 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: Ionina Co.

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: Y70

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 818 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 27 grass (L/R/C) Length: 4300 ft Width: ~100 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 ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
- ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ 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: Paul City of Residence: Lowell
 Middle Initial: R State: Mi ZIP: 49331
 Last Name: Nicholls Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 64 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

04/28/2016
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

near vision glasses

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

05/23/2015
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Stinson
 Model: 108-3

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

taildragger

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	2,718	1,884	1,970						748	
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	25	22	25						0	
Last 30 Days	11	7	11						0	
Last 24 Hours	0	0	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: _____ 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

☐ 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

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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 ☐ 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 CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address				Seat Occupied		Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____				☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign				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				Seat Occupied		Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____				☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign				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		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints
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 <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ 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 <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ 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 <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ 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 <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>24C</u> City: <u>Lowell</u> State: <u>Mi</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1030</u> Time Zone: <u>eds</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>Y70</u> City: <u>Ionia</u> State: <u>Mi</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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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: _____ 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: GRR
 Observation Time: 1000
 Time Zone: edt
 Distance from Accident Site: 22 nm
 Direction from Accident Site: _____ 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

5500 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: 8 kts

Wind Gusts

- ☒ Not Gusting

-or-
 Speed: _____ 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 | Type |
| ☒ None | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Trace | ☐ Rime |
| ☐ Light | ☐ Clear |
| ☐ Moderate | ☐ Mixed |
| ☐ Severe | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Unknown | |

Icing Actual

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Amount | Type |
| ☒ 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:

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)*

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 location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

N812C skiplane accident 12/16/16

Federal A-2500A skis were purchased, used, in 2009 from a private owner. These skis were already rigged for a Stinson 108 model aircraft. The owner implied the ski cables and bungees were new around the time of purchase. They appeared to be in new condition. When not in use, the skis are stored on a rack in a sealed, insulated hanger. In 8 seasons, I logged 72 hrs. of ski flying time. On 12/14/2016 I cleaned, inspected and installed the skis on 812C in preparation for the 2017 season. Cables and bungee cords were clean, free of frays or chafing, no anomalies were noted, and the skis were deemed airworthy.

On 12/16/2016 snow conditions were favorable for ski flying. Wind was light out of the south, temp was about 16f. At appx. 1030 am, I began a series of 3, slow taxiing runs up and down the Lowell airport (24C) runway 15/33, as is my usual warm up sequence. The snow depth seemed to be 10 inches. The aircraft performed and tracked normally in the snow. I applied full throttle and lifted smoothly off runway 15. At appx. 400' agl, while still in the climb-out over the city of Lowell, I felt a distinct "thump" followed by a slight shudder. A glance at engine instruments and analyzer showed the engine to be running normally. It was then I saw the left ski had lost its rear arresting cable. The bungee cords and wind pressure were holding ski against the left wing strut. The strut had a deep indentation in the leading edge where a cable attach bolt had contacted. The ski was in a beyond vertical angle and fixed in this position. To my way of thinking, this is a ski pilots worst nightmare, and the landing is unlikely to end well.

Lowell airport has only short segments of snow covered runways. Trees and houses surround its perimeter. Normally, the 1300' of runway 15/33 is adequate length to land safely, but this situation was anything but normal. I decided I was not going to fly over populated areas or land at Lowell in this condition. I'm very familiar with the Ionia Co. airport (Y70) where there are wide open fields, clear runway approaches and people on hand. The aircraft was fully controllable despite a slight shudder, so I began a 16 mile flight east to Ionia. At no time did I see the ski come away from the wing strut, but at least the leading edge dent wasn't getting bigger. Several miles out of Ionia I started radio contact. I spoke with instructor/students from the field flight school and explained my situation. They stood by on the taxiway, but failed to get any pictures. Winds were still light out of the south. The snow depth was similar to Lowell. I decided to attempt a landing to the west on a snow covered grass runway next to 9/27 with a 4300' length. Ideally, I could somehow catch the trailing edge of the ski in the snow and rotate it back into position on top of the snow. Didn't think there was much hope, but at least I would be in deep snow. When turing onto final I did notice the ski move slightly off the strut, but, it returned to the when I leveled out. I tried to slow, get the right wing down, skip the left ski, but that wasn't successful. I heard snapping, crunching followed by a slow nose over and I was upside down, but stopped. Damage was done, I was fine.

Respectfully,
Paul Nicholls
Lowell, Mi.

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.)

**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)

35 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****EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT**Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Method of Exit** – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each locationpilot door**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**

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

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

12/22/2016

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Paul Nicholls

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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CEN17LA057

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NTSB, Central Region

Name of Investigator

Andrew Todd Fox

Date Report Received

12/23/2016