

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: <u>Meeker</u> State: <u>Co</u> ZIP: <u>81641</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>40.042662</u> Longitude: <u>-107.182999</u> <i>(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)</i>	Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>01/07/2017</u> Local Time: <u>10:00 AM</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: <u>MST</u> Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None
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AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: <u>N5VK</u> Manufacturer: <u>Cirrus</u> Model: <u>SR22</u> Serial Number: <u>0544</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>2003</u> Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____	IFR-Equipped and Certified Commercial Space Flight Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: <u>3400</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>3020</u> lbs Number of Seats: <u>4</u> Flight Crew Seats: <u>2</u> Cabin Crew Seats: <u>0</u> Passenger Seats: <u>2</u> Number of Engines: <u>1</u>
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Category of Aircraft ☒ Airplane ☐ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Rocket ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Standard</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Special</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ Normal</td> <td>☐ Restricted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Aerobatic</td> <td>☐ Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Balloon</td> <td>☐ Provisional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Commuter</td> <td>☐ Special Flight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Transport</td> <td>☐ Experimental</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Utility</td> <td>☐ Special Light-Sport</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>☐ Experimental Light-Sport</td> </tr> </table> Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Standard	Special	☒ Normal	☐ Restricted	☐ Aerobatic	☐ Limited	☐ Balloon	☐ Provisional	☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight	☐ Transport	☐ Experimental	☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport		☐ Experimental Light-Sport	Landing Gear <i>(Check all that apply)</i> 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
Standard	Special																		
☒ Normal	☐ Restricted																		
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☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight																		
☐ Transport	☐ Experimental																		
☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport																		
	☐ Experimental Light-Sport																		

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Continental Motors	IO-550-N7	686866	03/30/2003	330	1465.1	4.6	N/A
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type ☒ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☐ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: <u>12/16/2016</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: <u>1465.1</u> hrs hours measured at (Select one) ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident	Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☒ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: <u>Hartzell Propeller, Inc.</u> Model: <u>PHC-J3YF-IRF</u> Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ELT Manufacturer: <u>Unknown</u> Model or Part No.: _____ TSO No.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☒ OC91a (121.5 MHz) ☐ OC126 (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
Type of Maintenance Program (Select one) ☒ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____	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: _____	
Description of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☒ Specify: <u>Hand-held fire extinguisher</u>		

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Russell H. FordCity: Colorado SpringsState: COZIP: 80921Fractional 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: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

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 | LDA | GPS |
| VOR/TWOR | 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” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

First Name: Russell

Middle Initial: **H**

Last Name: Ford

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 43 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy

City of Residence: **Colorado Springs**

State: **CO** ZIP: **80921**

Country: USA

Certificate Number:

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

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

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

- Not Installed
- Installed
- Not Deployed
- Deployed
- Unknown

None	Flight Instructor	Commercial	US Military
Private	Recreational	Airline Transport	Foreign
Student	Sport	Flight Engineer	

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

☐ None
 ☒ Class 3
☐ Class 1
 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2
 ☐ Unknown

☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

03/03/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

None

None

10/24/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Make: Cessna

Model: 172P

None
☒ Single-Engine Land
 Single-Engine Sea
 Multiengine Land
 Multiengine Sea

None
Airship
Balloon
Glider
Gyroplane
Helicopter
Powered Lift

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

☒ None
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Airplane
Instrument Helicopter
Helicopter
Glider
Sport

High-performance Airplane

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

Flight Time <i>(Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)</i>	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	131.1	46.2	131.1	0	6.0	0	7.8	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	75.4	36.1	75.4	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					2.5	0	2.0			
Last 90 Days	25.0	25.0	25.0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0	0	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
☐ 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					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 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					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 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			Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u>Sherilyn</u> City : <u>Colorado Springs</u> Middle Initial: <u>A</u> State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: <u>80921</u> Last Name: <u>Ford</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ 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	
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: <u>KPVU</u> City: <u>Provo</u> State: <u>UT</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>08:15</u> Time Zone: <u>MST</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KFLY</u> City: <u>Colorado Springs</u> State: <u>CO</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR 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: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true
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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: <u>-9</u> (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB	

Wind Direction Variable - or - Direction: <u>~260</u> degrees true	Wind Speed Calm Light and Variable - or - Speed: <u>~20</u> kts	Wind Gusts Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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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
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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) Severity ☒ None ☐ Light ☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe ☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme
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NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:
None

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)*

Landing gear was torn free, propeller bent up, part of left wing near fuselage was bent up, other areas likely damaged, but unknown. No other property was destroyed.

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.

My wife, Sheri, and I arrived at the Provo airport around 7:30 AM MST. Tac Air FBO retrieved N5VK from the hangar and topped off the fuel. My preflight inspection was unremarkable. The engine started without hesitation, taxi clearance for runway 13 was given. We taxied to the run up for 13 and performed the run up. Everything in the run up was normal and all systems functioned properly. Clearance was given to take off runway 13. Sheri and I departed KPVU at about 8:20 AM MST, and the takeoff was unremarkable. We followed the route KPVU-YMONT-MTU and were in route for the PENEY intersection, following the victor airway V200.

Shortly into the flight, the CHT's and EGT's on the MFD were very erratic, changing temperatures very quickly. Some would fluctuate hundreds of degrees within seconds, sometimes very hot, sometimes registering 0. I had been having problems with the Sensory Input Unit (SIU) the month before and had it repaired, so when it started behaving erratically, I assumed the SIU was inoperative again. (I was told that the temperature of the metal could not fluctuate that fast so it must be a defective sensory probe or a defective SIU.) The analog gauges were all registering normally. Since my experience last month with the SIU not functioning properly, I began to watch the analog gauges instead of the MFD.

Around Meeker, CO, I heard the engine "backfire" a couple of times and I felt like I was losing a little power. I checked the analog gauges, and everything was normal. I was holding altitude at 11500 ft. My GPS showed terrain at 11290 ft ahead of me, so I started a climb. As I was climbing through 12600 ft, I felt the engine really lose power. Adjusting the mixture did not help, and adding slightly more fuel to the mixture stalled the engine. I had to lean the mixture back to start the engine again. The engine was not completely shut off, but there was not much power. Although I could maintain altitude at 12600 ft for a short while, my airspeed was slowing down, and I would stall if I maintained that altitude. I started a descent at about 1-200 fpm and tried to maintain about 100 KIAS. At that time, I looked for the nearest airports and had the following options:

1. Return to Meeker airport (KEEO), which was about 25 NM to my west into a 21-knot headwind,
2. Fly to Yampa Valley (KHDN), which was about 25 NM to my north, or
3. Continue straight ahead to Kremmling (20V), which was about 35 NM to my east.

At that time, I knew I would not make it to any of those airports, so I began to look for places to land. I did not have many options, so I was preparing to deploy the parachute. To my left was a mountain range, to my right a narrow valley. I made a slight right turn toward the valley to see if I could deploy the parachute over the valley, but I felt the right wing stalling and leveled out to avoid a spin. Ahead of me was a plateau with an abrupt face, and I thought if I pulled the parachute then, I might glide into the face of the plateau because of my momentum and the tailwind we had. I thought I could make it over the face of the plateau, then either land on the plateau or fly over it and deploy the parachute in the next valley. I was hoping to make it over, but as I approached the plateau, I did not have much more lift. I pulled the nose up to make sure the nose did not hit the snow first. We floated a long way across the plateau, then touched down on the plateau as the wings stalled. The landing was relatively smooth, and neither one of us was hurt. Sheri and I were both wearing seat belts and shoulder harnesses.

We made the forced landing at about 9:50 AM MST. I checked to make sure the ELT was transmitting, and attempted to call ATC on 121.5. My radio said I was transmitting, but I did not receive any communication back from ATC. I tried calling the local traffic at Meeker, Yampa Valley and Craig-Moffat, but still did not receive communication back.

We waited in or near the aircraft for the next hour and a half. Sometime around 11:30 a plane circled over us and rocked its wings. Sometime later, a second plane circled over and stayed with us for over an hour. Shortly after that second plane departed, two rescue helicopters arrived and transported my wife and me to Meeker hospital. Neither one of us was injured.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

I feel that as I passed over Meeker, CO, the engine lost some power. As I was troubleshooting the loss of power, I was heading further away from Meeker. In hindsight, I could have turned around and attempted to land at Meeker airport, and troubleshoot on the ground. When I lost more power I was already too far away from Meeker to turn around, and I had no choice but to deploy the parachute or make a forced landing.

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.)

Investigation pending, but I think the fuel system was being clogged somewhere.

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)

81

Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87☒ 100 Low Lead☐ 100/130☐ 115/145☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Jet B☐ JP8☐ Automotive☐ Other, specify _____

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

We were able to exit the aircraft normally through the doors.

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

01/14/2017

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Russell H. Ford

Signature: _____

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

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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

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