

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: Sparta, MI Airport State: MI

ZIP: 49345 Country: United States

Latitude: 43.13°N Longitude: 85.68°W

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 02/16/2020 Local Time: 1250

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: EST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N6520W

Manufacturer: Piper

Model: Cherokee 140-B PA-28-140

Serial Number: 28-20599

Year of Manufacture: 1964 1964

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

☒ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2150 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1681 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 2

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 2

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)
☐ Nonc ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear (Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

- ☒ Tricycle
- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Emergency Float
- ☐ Float
- ☐ Hull
- ☐ Tailwheel
- ☐ High Skid
- ☐ Skid
- ☐ Ski
- ☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None

☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating
- ☐ Turbo Shaft
- ☐ Turbo Prop
- ☐ Turbo Jet
- ☐ Turbo Fan
- ☐ Electric
- ☐ Liquid Rocket
- ☐ Solid Rocket
- ☐ Hybrid Rocket
- ☐ None
- ☐ Unknown

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	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>O-320</u>	<u>L-14775-27A</u>		<u>160</u>			
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 02/06/2020

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 5155.05 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: Fire extinguisher in plane

Propeller 1

- ☒ Fixed Pitch
- ☐ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: Sensenich

Model: 74DM6-0-60

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
- ☐ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

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: PT Arts LLC

City: Grand Rapids

State: MI ZIP: 49507

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Country: United States

Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner

Name: Thomas Hesse

☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

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: Paul C. Miller-Sparta

Airport Identifier: 8D4

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

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Airport Elevation: 775 ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: 25 (L/R/C) Length: 4,032 ft Width: 75 ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☒ Water TH
- ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
- ☐ Dirt ☒ Snow TH ☐ 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/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: Thomas

Middle Initial: C

Last Name: Hesse

City of Residence: Marshall

State: MI

ZIP: 49068

Country: United States

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 27

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

11/01/2019
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

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)

Presolo aeronautical knowledge 12/15/2019
 Presolo flight training 2/16/2020
 Solo flight 2/18/2020

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	15.5	13.4	13.5	0	0	0	1.6	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	0									
Time as Instructor	0									
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	8.3	6.1	8.3							
Last 30 Days	2.1	0	2.1							
Last 24 Hours	1.2	0	1.2				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 <table border="1"><tr><th>Available</th><th>Used</th></tr><tr><td>☐ None</td><td>☐ None</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Lap only</td><td>☐ Lap only</td></tr><tr><td>☐ 3-point</td><td>☐ 3-point</td></tr><tr><td>☐ 4-point</td><td>☐ 4-point</td></tr><tr><td>☐ 5-point</td><td>☐ 5-point</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Unknown</td><td>☐ Unknown</td></tr></table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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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
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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: _____	☐ Left	☐ Front	☐ None
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Rear	☐ Minor
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:		Inflatable Restraints
☐ None	☐ Flight Instructor	☐ Commercial	☐ US Military	☐ Not Installed
☐ Private	☐ Recreational	☐ Airline Transport	☐ Foreign	☐ Installed
☐ Student	☐ Sport	☐ Flight Engineer		☐ Not Deployed
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs		☐ Deployed
				☐ Unknown

Crew Name and Address		Seat Occupied		Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left	☐ Front	☐ None
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Rear	☐ Minor
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:		Inflatable Restraints
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs		☐ Deployed
				☐ Unknown

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: _____ City: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available	Used	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown ☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____					
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other					
First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available	Used	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown ☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available	Used	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown ☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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Last Name: _____ Country: _____					
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other					

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>804</u> City: <u>Sparta</u> State: <u>MI</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1245</u> Time Zone: <u>EST</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>804</u> City: <u>Sparta</u> State: <u>MI</u> Country: <u>United States</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: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.08</u> in. Hg or _____ MB	

Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>270</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>6</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 ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ 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:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage

- ☐ None
☐ Minor
☒ Substantial
☐ Destroyed
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

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

Damage to aircraft: left wing lateral and front edges, propeller strike, nose wheel damaged. Unknown extent of damage or other damages.

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.

February 16, 2020 was my first solo experience. Conditions were VFR, 10sm visibility, winds 270° at 6 kts, runway conditions were suboptimal with patchy snow. After practicing going around the pattern with my flight instructor with me three times without incident, my flight instructor, Brad, exited the plane to have me proceed to my solo check-off at 1235. I went around the pattern once, first landing with a bit of sliding, but stayed on the runway. I came to a full stop and spoke with Brad before proceeding to go around the pattern again. I came in for a normal approach planning on a full stop and upon touchdown the plane slid. The next thing I knew, I was faced to the left headed for a snowbank on the left side of the runway. I applied pressure to the right rudder to attempt to stay on the runway and the tires skidded and did not stay on the runway. I believe the nose wheel and the left rear tire hit the snowbank at the side of the runway at approximately the same time, and the plane tipped forward and to the left. I saw the left wing contact the snow and the front lateral edge of the wing bend inward, and the propeller quickly stopped, as well as the engine. I immediately turned the mixture and throttle all the way down, and turned the magneto switch off. Over the radio I stated that N6520W was off the runway 25 with damage to the plane. I then turned the avionics and master switch off. I called my flight instructor, Brad, on the phone for further instructions.

This circumstance occurred at 8D4 (Sparta, MI airport) on runway 25. Departure time of this pattern (2nd solo attempt around pattern) at approximately 1245. Weather was obtained via 8D4 AWOS 132.95 and by ForeFlight app.

I believe I landed on a patch of snow that caused the plane to slide and I was unable to correct the slide as my tires skidded when I attempted to do so.

The resulting damage to the plane occurred without damage to the runway, runway lights, or any structures or other aircraft. My flight instructor, Brad, notified the airport manager and the FAA immediately.

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.)

I don't believe so but it is possible.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

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

20

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

Exit by pilot via door, right side of plane.

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)

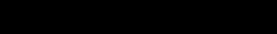
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

02/27/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

Thomas C HesseSignature: 

-- 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**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**

NTSB Accident/Incident No.

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CENTRAL REGION

Name of Investigator

Andrew Todd Fox

Date Report Received

27 FEB 2020