

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: Beloit State: Ohio

ZIP: 44609 Country: U.S.A.

Latitude: 40.936 Longitude: -81.005

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 10/16/2020 Local Time: 19:20
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: EDT, -4Z

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N15608

Manufacturer: Piper

Model: PA-28-140

Serial Number: 28-7325114

Year of Manufacture: 1972

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

☒ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2150 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: ~1615 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: N/A 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
- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Emergency Float
- ☐ Float
- ☐ Hull
- ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
- ☐ None
- ☐ Tailwheel
- ☐ High Skid
- ☐ Skid
- ☐ Ski
- ☐ Ski/Wheel
- ☐ 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	LYCOMING	O-320-E3D	L-32690-27A	1972	150	3915.14	26.1	1836.82
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 08/07/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 3915.14 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: SENSENICH

Model: 74DM6-0-58

Propeller 2

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

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: ACK Tech. INC.

Model or Part No.: E-01

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

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: Fluid Process AutomationCity: AllianceState: OHZIP: 44601Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: United States**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: Tri-City AirportDistance From Airport Center: 2 smAirport Identifier: K3G6Direction From Airport: 355 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 1188 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 17/35 (L/R/C) Length: 2768 ft Width: 45 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: Jonathon City of Residence: Salem
 Middle Initial: R State: Ohio ZIP: 44460
 Last Name: Sprague Country: United States
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 23 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury ☒ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">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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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☒ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Medical Certificate ☐ None ☒ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown															
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☒ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity ☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance		Date of Last Medical <u>08/17/2019</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>														

Medical Certificate Limitations

NONE

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

08/27/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Piper

Model: PA-28-140

Airplane Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☒ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider ☐ Powered Lift ☐ 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	279	130	279		60	12	70			
Pilot in Command (PIC)	235	91	235		57	9	48			
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model					18	2	26			
Last 90 Days	75	33	75		8	10	12			
Last 30 Days	13	3	13		1	3	1			
Last 24 Hours	4	2	4		1	2				

“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 style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">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) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift </td> <td> ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport </td> </tr> </table>	☐ 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)*

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Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
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This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)							
Crew Name and Address First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____				Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 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	
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)							
Name and Address First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ 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 <i>If Under 5,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>K62D</u> City: <u>Warren</u> State: <u>OH</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>18:50</u> Time Zone: <u>EDT/-4Z</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>K3G6</u> City: <u>Beloit</u> State: <u>OH</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)			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>2300</u> ft msl
☐ Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Class D ☒ Class E	☒ Class G ☐ Demo Area ☐ Warning Area ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Restricted Area	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93	☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)	Weather Observation Facility
☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather	Facility ID: <u>KCAK</u> Observation Time: <u>18:51</u> Time Zone: <u>EDT/-4Z</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>19.5</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>090</u> degrees true

Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Day ☐ Dusk ☒ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☐ Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown	Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	Temperature: <u>9</u> (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: <u>-3</u> (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.15</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl	Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	

Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>310</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>3</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>800</u> ft
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Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)	Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)
	☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle	☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown

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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)*

Wrinkling of Fuselage/Empenage Skins. Wrinkling of Right wing Leading Edges. Tail-Strike Damages. Stabilator Fiberglass LH tip damaged. Both Ailerons Wrinkled. Rudder Wrinkled. Nose Gear collapsed. Cowling heavily Damaged. Both Prop Blades Bent. Prop Spinner broke off. Air intake/ Filter also broke off. OAT Probe/Gauge broke out of Pilot side Window.

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 Friday 10/16/2020 the aircraft, N15608, was at My home base of 3G6, Tri-City Airport. I went to the airport after work to fly up to Warren, Oh. to pick up my Father-in-Law for a sight-seeing flight of the fall trees. Upon arriving to the airport I opened up the hangar and completed my normal preflight of the aircraft, including opening the fuel caps and verifying I had the correct amount of fuel. What I had recalled on that afternoon was that on its previous flight the aircraft was filled to 36 Gallons of fuel, (the tabs) as it normally was whenever we put an aircraft back into the Hangar. I recall looking in and seeing fuel at the tabs as I had on nearly every other preflight I had completed on this aircraft in the past. After my preflight inspection I verified against the Checklist that I had done everything required. I then started up and went to the run-up spot and completed the normal run-up with nothing showing any concern. I departed 3G6 on runway 35 at approximately 17:25 EDT. I departed North, as there was no traffic in the area, under VFR and did not pick up flight following as it was a short flight. I leveled off at 2,500 feet MSL and enjoyed the scenery while looking for traffic and obstacles, everything seemed normal. I listened to the ATIS at KYNG as it is the nearest Airport with weather reporting to 62D, my destination. I planned a straight in approach runway 36 as again there was no Traffic reporting in the area on CTAF. I went through my normal pre-decent and Pre Landing checklists and made a normal soft-field Landing on runway 36. I taxied over to the ramp near the pumps where my father-in-law was waiting for me. I shut down, got out and did a walk around of the aircraft, everything seemed normal. I did not check the tanks at this point because I knew in the back of my mind that I had at least 32 gallons of fuel, plenty for a short sight-seeing trip.

After this, we boarded the aircraft and taxied to the end of Runway 22. I did an abbreviated run-up, only going to 1700 rpm instead of 2000, everything again seemed normal. We took runway 22 and began rolling, I was planning a shortfield takeoff at approximately 60 mph indicated airspeed I saw some deer starting to cross the runway, I immediately aborted the takeoff and applied maximum braking coming to a stop 50 yards short of the second deer crossing the runway. After a sigh of relief I turned around on the runway while explaining to my Father-in-Law why I had done that, of course he understood. I back-taxied runway 22 and this time was succesful in departing runway 22. After departure i climbed to around 600 AGL and made a crosswing turn and call on the radio. I then continued on that heading until around 1000 AGL where we then proceded W,SW towards West Branch Reservoir. I did some turns around a few boats and the lakeshore letting my Father-in-Law enjoy the flight. From there we flew east-bound towards his house and I did some turns around to let him see his house and more beautiful trees. It was starting to get dark so I decided to return to 62D as there is no pilot controlled lighting there. I planned on entering the traffic pattern by overflying the field and entering a left downwind for runway 36, again there was no traffic reporting in the area and I did not observe any. When we were just NE of the field the first sign of trouble appeared. There was a minor reduction of power so as a precaution I entered a left base for runway 18 as I enriched the mixture, turned on the electric fuel pump, turned on the carb heat then switched tanks. The engine power came back as I was in the middle of switching tanks, in my mind it was carb Ice and the carb heat had melted the ice. I was reassured in this therory by two things, one, the knowlege that I had at the very least 24 Gallons of gas based on the amount of time I had flown and having 36 gallons when I departed 3G6. Two, the OAT was approximately 42 deg F and it was somewhat Humid, seemingly good conditions for the formation of carbueter icing. In hindsight, my left tank had just run dry. Since the engine was running again I maintained pattern altitude and entered a tight downwind for Runway 36 making sure to keep it close incase of carb ice or other issues. I kept it tight and made a fairly steep approach for runway 36 when I got on centerline. I performed another soft field landing, bleeding off the excess speed of the steep approach before touching down. During the Taxi I checked my carb heat a few times to ensure I had no more ice. After my father-in-law departed the aircraft I did another short run-up, electing to leave the carbheat on while I taxied to runway 22 to prevent any rebuilding of Ice. I turned off the carbheat and departed runway 22. I turned crosswind then downwind for 22 before joining the upwind for 36 while climbing. once I reached pattern altitude I turned the carbheat back on and turned left back to the south announcing my departure from the traffic pattern on the radio. I climbed with the carbheat on to 3000 ft MSL.

It was Dark at this point but it was a normal night flight, I tuned in Cleveland Approach on 125.5 as well as 3G6 CTAF on 122.9 and listened to both while heading south back to 3G6. I picked up the ATIS at KCAK to get the altimeter setting and winds, information P I believe. At about 5nm North of 3G6 I quit listening to approach and made a radio call on CTAF while turning SW and decending to enter the Left Downwind for 35. A few seconds later the Engine began mildly backfiring and sputtering then quit. I went through emergency procedures including switching tanks, no revival. I turned direct 3G6 and lined up for runway 17 while entering in 7700 into the transponder and contacting Cleveland Approach with my mayday call on my second radio. I had the runway in sight as I had gotten the lights on at about 5 miles out. -Continued in Additional Information-

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Complacency Bias, This was essentially the Entire cause of this accident. Despite inspecting the fuel tanks before departure, I did not see that the aircraft had not been refueled after its last flight even though, it had not. Long before I arrived at the airport, I had assumed that it had 36 Gallons from when it had been refueled after the last flight, in actuality it had not been refueled after the last flight. At the direction of the NTSB, We reviewed the aircraft flight log and have come to the conclusion that at the time of the accident there was approximately 5.1 hours Hobbs time on a 36 gallon refuel weeks before the accident flight. The aircraft had not been refueled like I remembered.

Added to the Complacency Bias can also be a fair amount of hurriedness. Due to the approaching twilight, I was in a hurry to get in the air to get to my Father-in-Law to give him the ride I had promised before dark while the weather was still good. Because of this, and my knowing there was 36 Gallons in the tanks, that's what I saw on that evening, despite there being approximately only an hour to 1.5 hours of fuel on board. After the Second landing at 62D I debated refueling as the fuel is cheaper there anyhow, I elected not to as it was about 15 minutes after sunset and there was no pilot controlled runway lights which may have made a landing complicated had I experienced engine trouble as I had when entering the pattern for the second landing.

In Hindsight, I should have not assumed Carburetor icing as the culprit for the engine trouble during the pattern at 62D and second guessed myself on the fuel calculations. I also should have triple checked the fuel tanks before I had ever left 3G6.

From now on I will always assume my tanks are nearly empty unless I can physically determine otherwise, I hope my fellow pilots can also learn that lesson. Another lesson is that anytime I have safely landed, it's a good idea to do a full preflight before taking off again, not just a walk around and an abbreviated run-up.

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)

Assumed 24, actually ~4 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

None

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 location

After Caging the Fuel, Engine, and Power, The pilot Exited through the primary door on the front right side of the Fuselage.

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.

-Continuation of Narrative-

Soon I realized I did not have enough altitude, nor glide to reach the runway so I advised ATC and tried to pick out a field which was hard as it was dark. Once my Landing light came across some standing corn, that looked like my best option. I then proceeded to turn Eastbound to parallel the corn rows. Once I leveled the wings I noticed the trees at the end of the field and it reminded me to pull out the throttle in case the engine revived itself. Once I heard corn stalks hitting the aircraft, I pulled back hard in an effort to get slow to minimize the impact. From there all I remember is seeing cornstalks and the stall light on the panel. When I realized I was stopped, I saw that I had spun around 180 degrees and was nose low facing westbound in the corn. I shut off the fuel tanks, cut the mixture and Master switch, shut off the mags out of muscle memory and habit, and made a hurried exit of the aircraft. I jumped off the front of the wing and turned around in disbelief as to what just happened...

I realized my forehead hurt a bit so I checked it for blood with my hand and flashlight but was relieved to find none just a little bump. From there I got out my Cell Phone and looked on Google maps to see where I was and road names in the area. I started walking out of the Cornfield looking for a good way to get to the road. I called Cleveland Approach while I was walking as I assumed they probably wanted to know that I was alive. After talking with them, I called my Dad to let him know what was happening and where I was. I then looked up the Local Police dispatch number and called them to tell them what intersection I was near and stayed on the line with them until the police arrived. After the ambulance arrived and they checked me over, I went into the cornfield to show the Fire Department where the Aircraft was in the field.

I want to end By thanking God for keeping me Calm, focused, and safe that evening. I also want to thank my Flight Instructor and also my Dad for teaching me the skills and knowledge to keep in mind my airspeed and coordination so I did not stall or spin into the ground while low and slow. Thanks also goes to the ATC Controllers at Cleveland TRACON for handling a pop-up emergency very well and giving me the information that was available and getting authorities on the way. Finally I would like to thank the First responders that were on scene that night for everything they did.

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

Date of this Report

10/21/2020

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Jonathon Ray Sprague

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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