

## Brannen John

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**From:** Thurston, Gregory J (FAA) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:14 PM  
**To:** Brannen John  
**Subject:** FW: Information requested from John Sowieja

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**From:** john sowieja [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:30 PM  
**To:** Thurston, Gregory J (FAA) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Information requested from John Sowieja

Hello Inspector Thurston here is the information you requested. I apologize for the delay.

From John Sowieja Information requested.

My name is Greg Thurston, I am part of the FAA Accident team in MN. I will be the inspector in charge of reviewing your recent incident with you and performing the investigation for the FAA.

Attached is the FAA Compliance Philosophy brochure. Please advise me that you have received this email. Below you will see the information that I will have to gather to complete our standard report. There are questions regarding your logged flight time, training and training seminars. Please make a note of the training dates if they are applicable. I will also need to do a verification of picture id, pilot cert, pilot logbooks, medical, flight review. So please send a scan/photo of these documents. You can either text me the pictures at [REDACTED] or email them to me at [REDACTED]

In addition to the flight hour totals below, please answer the following questions:

1) Tell me your story, from your preflight brief/plan to the mishap location? Was this the first flight of the day? Yes Tell me about any previous flights. None

See attached

2) What do you think the causal factors were? Mechanical engine failure sudden and immediate stoppage of engine.

3) Are there lessons learned that you can share and teach in the future to help reduce the risk of this happening again to someone? Maybe suggest a more thorough pre-buy regarding engine inspections and have maintenance / Annual inspection done at an authorized Grumman maintenance service facility in addition to engine maintenance shop.

4) What is the total time of the aircraft at the time of the incident? 10.1 hours

After we receive the information we will take a few days and then circle back to you to set up a telecom for a discussion.

Thanks,  
Greg

Send photo/scan:

- Pilot certificate
- Flight review endorsement
- Medical certificate
- Picture id
- Pilot logbooks/ Last 12 months

The following you can provide in a return e-mail (times can be approximate):

10.1 hours Total time in make/model of aircraft

115 Total time in all aircraft in last 90 days

450 e Total time in all aircraft in the last year

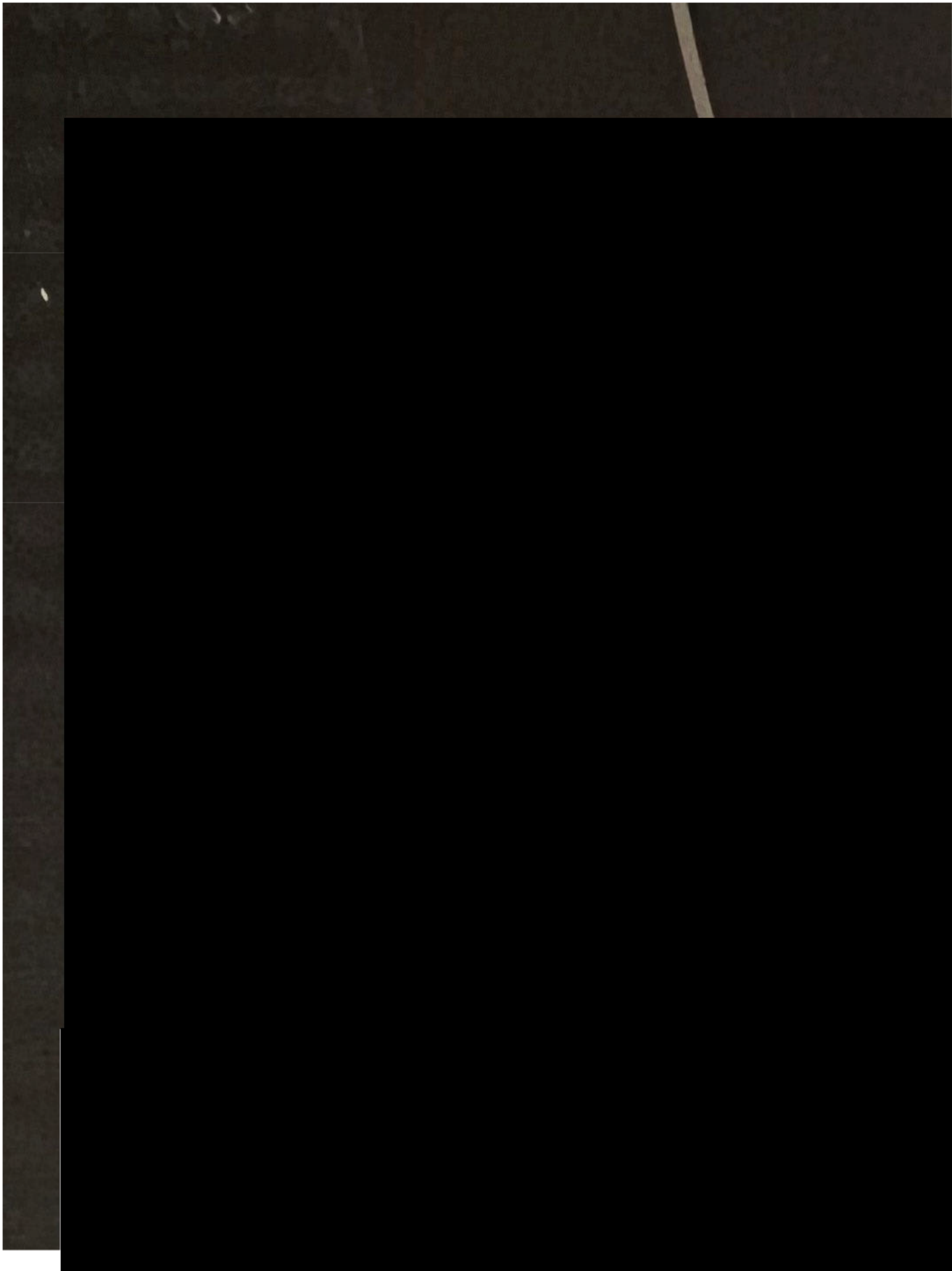
14,500 hrs est Total time in all aircraft

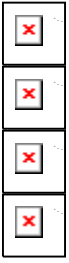
Have you completed any of the following within the last 2 years (if so, please provide the last 2 dates of each event)

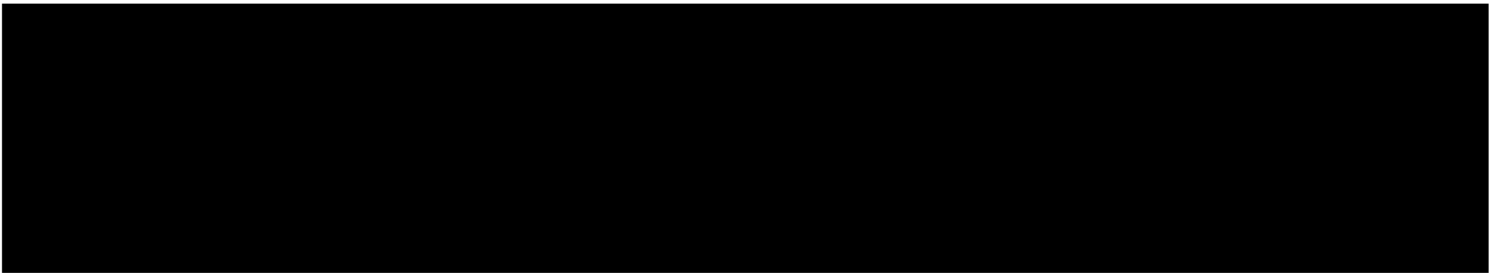
- o Have you participated in the Wings program in the last 2 years?
- o Have you attended any safety seminars in the last 2 years? Yes Delta Airlines safety training  
Approximately every three months, six months, and nine months annually
- o Have you completed any air carrier initial training in the last 2 years? Yes see attached
- o Have you completed any air carrier recurrent training in the last 2 years? Yes See attached
- o Have you completed any air carrier re-qualification training in the last 2 years? Yes See attached
- o Have you completed any air carrier transition training in the last 2 years? See attached
- o Have you completed any Simulator training in the last 2 years? Yes See attached
- Have you completed any commercial or third party training in the last 2 years? Yes
- What weather services you obtained: National weather service NWS FAA in addition to a ForeFlight weather briefing
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- What were the weather factors/conditions: VFR 66° and winds light and variable.

Greg Thurston  
Aviation Safety Inspector  
Accident Investigation Team  
Minneapolis Flight Standards District Office  


## Attachments







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Display Recency Information

Name:     Sowieja, John L

Expires as of (local):     0001/16Aug22  
Recency experience last 90 days; based on

Only 1 of the 3 landings considered for recency may be a

|      |          | Variant |      |     |
|------|----------|---------|------|-----|
|      | Takeoffs | Type    |      | Lar |
| Line | 23May22  |         | Line | 23  |
| Line | 23May22  |         | Line | 23  |
| Line | 18May22  |         | Line | 18  |

LINE = Line operation  
SIM = Simulator  
ACTR = Aircraft trainer

F1 = Main N



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### Category Block Hours

#### CATEGORY BLOCK HOURS

NAME: SOWIEJA, JOHN L

HOURS FLOWN AS A DELTA PILOT CALCULATED FROM GMT TIME 01APR8

| EQUIPMENT | CAPTAIN | FIRST OFFICER | SECOND OFFICER | PRE |
|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------|-----|
| 320       | 273:37  | 752:11        |                |     |
| 767       |         | 3400:48       |                |     |

POS TTL: 273:37 4152:59

\*\*BASE LOCAL TIME FLOWN/TO BE FLOWN IN:

PREVIOUS 6 MONTHS (JAN22-JUN22): 182:14

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ( THRU JUN ): 182:14

INPUT MONTH ( JUN ) :

\*\*FAR 117 CUMULATIVE TIMES AS OF 17:49 11JUN22 \*\*

FLIGHT TIME IN PREVIOUS 672 HOURS (MAX = 100): 20:42

FLIGHT TIME IN PREVIOUS 365 DAYS (MAX = 1000): 425:18

FLIGHT DUTY PERIOD IN PREVIOUS 168 HRS (MAX = 60): 00:00

FLIGHT DUTY PERIOD IN PREVIOUS 672 HRS (MAX = 190): 36:54

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Employee Name: Sowieja , John

Employee Number:

Category: MSP 320 A

| Bid Period | Block  | Sick   | Total Block |
|------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| 01AUG21    | 028:02 | 000:00 | 028:02      |
| 31AUG21    | 033:17 | 000:00 | 033:17      |
| 01OCT21    | 035:31 | 000:00 | 035:31      |
| 01NOV21    | 022:19 | 000:00 | 022:19      |
| 01DEC21    | 069:04 | 000:00 | 069:04      |
| 01JAN22    | 057:47 | 000:00 | 057:47      |
| 31JAN22    | 012:50 | 008:28 | 021:18      |
| 02MAR22    | 060:28 | 021:35 | 082:03      |
| 01APR22    | 030:27 | 051:46 | 082:13      |
| 02MAY22    | 020:42 | 000:00 | 020:42      |
|            |        |        |             |

Total sick time for previous 10 months: 081:49 (First 75 hours subtracted for)

Total block time for previous 10 months: 0377:16

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Last 12 Months



| Date             | Aircraft    | Route              | Total Time | TYPE OF PILOTING TIME |     |      |       |     |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|-----|
|                  |             |                    |            | PIC                   | SIC | Solo | Night | NVG |
| 10/25/21         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - KSGS        | 1.2        | 1.2                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 01/04/22         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - KSGS        | 0.5        | 0.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 01/11/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KSGS        | 0.5        | 0.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 01/12/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KRNH - KSGS | 1.5        | 1.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 01/13/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KSGS        | 1.1        | 1.1                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 02/24/22         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - KSGS        | 0.6        | 0.6                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 02/27/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KRNH        | 1.0        | 1.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 02/27/22         | N6298L      | KRNH - KSGS        | 0.5        | 0.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/19/22         | N4NB (C182) | 6WI2 - KSGS        | 0.9        | 0.9                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/19/22         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - KGFK        | 2.5        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/19/22         | N4NB (C182) | KGFK - KSGS        | 2.4        | 2.4                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/21/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KSGS        | 1.6        | 1.6                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/28/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KSGS        | 1.5        | 1.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 04/28/22         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - 6WI2        | 0.3        | 0.3                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 05/27/22         | N4NB (C182) | 6WI2 - KSGS        | 0.5        | 0.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 05/27/22         | N6298L      | KSGS - KRNH        | 1.3        | 1.3                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 05/27/22         | N6298L      | KRNH - KSGS        | 0.7        | 0.7                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 05/27/22         | N4NB (C182) | KSGS - 6WI2        | 0.2        | 0.2                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 05/31/22         | N4NB (C182) | 6WI2 - KSGS        | 0.4        | 0.4                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 06/01/22         | N6298L      | 6WI2 - 6WI2        | 0.4        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
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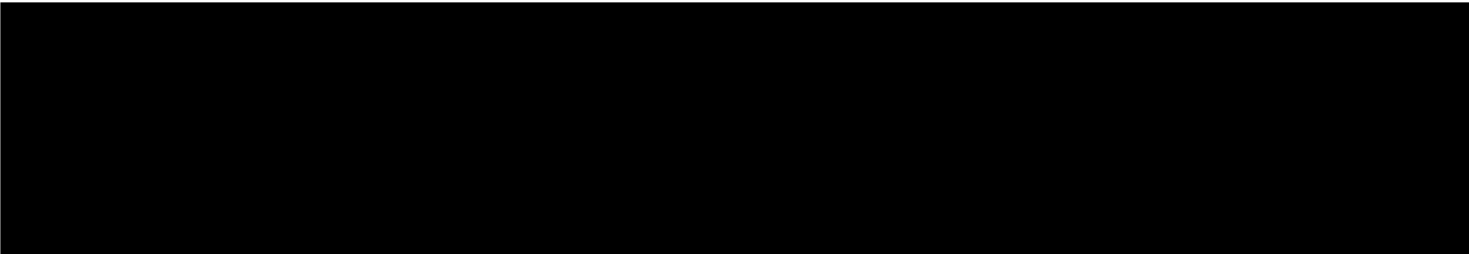


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|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|-----|
|                  |              |                           |            | PIC                   | SIC | Solo | Night | NVG |
| 06/19/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KSTP               | 1.1        | 1.1                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 06/19/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KSTP - 6WI2               | 0.8        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 07/10/21         | N81EC (P28B) | 6WI2 - KRNH - 6WI2        | 1.4        | 1.4                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 07/11/21         | N81EC (P28B) | 6WI2 - KRNH - 6WI2        | 1.2        | 1.2                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/04/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KSGS               | 0.8        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/04/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KSGS - 6WI2               | 0.3        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/06/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KJOT               | 2.5        | 2.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/06/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KJOT - KGYG - KBEH - KMBS | 2.3        | 2.3                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/08/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KMBS - KJOT               | 3.0        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 08/08/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KJOT - 6WI2               | 2.7        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 09/10/21         | N4NB (C182)  |                           | 0.0        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 09/10/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KSGS               | 0.7        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 09/10/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KSGS - 6WI2               | 0.3        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 09/22/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KVMR               | 2.2        | 2.2                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 09/22/21         | N4NB (C182)  | KVMR - 6WI2               | 2.1        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 10/11/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - 10D                | 0.9        | 0.9                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 10/11/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 10D - 6WI2                | 0.9        | 0.9                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 10/14/21         | N81EC (P28B) | 6WI2 - KSGS               | 0.9        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
| 10/18/21         | N4NB (C182)  | 6WI2 - KSGS               | 0.7        | 0.7                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 |
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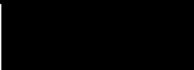
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| Date     | Flight Info                | Total Time | TYPE OF PILOTING TIME |     |      |       |     |         |     | XC | Act |
|----------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|-----|---------|-----|----|-----|
|          |                            |            | PIC                   | SIC | Solo | Night | NVG | NVG Ops |     |    |     |
| 04/19/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>6WI2 - KSGS | 0.9        | 0.9                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 04/19/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>KSGS - KGFK | 2.5        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 2.5 | C  |     |
| 04/19/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>KGFK - KSGS | 2.4        | 2.4                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 04/21/22 | N6298L<br>KSGS - KSGS      | 1.6        | 1.6                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 04/28/22 | N6298L<br>KSGS - KSGS      | 1.5        | 1.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 1.5 | C  |     |
| 04/28/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>KSGS - 6WI2 | 0.3        | 0.3                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 05/27/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>6WI2 - KSGS | 0.5        | 0.5                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 05/27/22 | N6298L<br>KSGS - KRNH      | 1.3        | 1.3                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 05/27/22 | N6298L<br>KRNH - KSGS      | 0.7        | 0.7                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 05/27/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>KSGS - 6WI2 | 0.2        | 0.2                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 05/31/22 | N4NB (C182)<br>6WI2 - KSGS | 0.4        | 0.4                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
| 06/01/22 | N6298L<br>6WI2 - 6WI2      | 0.4        | 0.0                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 0.0 | C  |     |
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|          | TOTALS TO DATE             | 12.7       | 9.8                   | 0.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 0       | 4.0 | C  |     |



**JOHN SOWIEJA**



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**Display Recency Summary**

Name: Sowieja, John L

Employee Number: 

Equipment Type: 320

**Takeoff/landing Recency**                      **will expire as of:**                      **16Au**  
Takeoff/landing Recency                      lasts 90 days.

**CAT II/III Recency will expire as of:**                      **08Sep**  
CAT II/III Recency lasts 180 days.





JOHN SOWIEJA

Pre-Flight | Schedules | Bids | Bid Packages | Bulletins | Pay/Hours | Personnel | NRSA | Email | Flight

### Current Training And Qualification Summary

Employee number:

Sowieja J L

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| Training Description                                    | Last Received |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| ** Remember To Bid Golden Days For Your Training Window |               |    |
| Simulator Check                                         | Nov 2021      | Ju |
| Line Check                                              | Dec 2021      | Oc |

Simulator training

June 2020 simulator training Delta Airline's recurrent 767/757

Fall 2020 simulator training Delta Airlines initial A320

Delta Airlines upgrade course A320 Capt November 2021

Statement from John Sowieja

"This is a report N6298L accident on June 1, 2022 by John Sowieja

6Wi2 airport

At approximately around noon Frank Hickey showed up with his Grumman Aircraft N6298L. Student pilot Frank had asked me if I would go up with him in his new Grumman aircraft so he could get more familiar with his airplane, I guess a familiarization flight.

Since Frank is a student pilot and I am a CFI and I was pilot in command for the flight. However, Frank was the sole manipulator of the controls for the flight, and I was merely there to observe.

I am not Frank's instructor. Frank had been on a previous flight that day with his primary instructor and a few months back I suggested that Frank have specific primary instruction for his primary instructor for his flight training and that would be best. Frank has had professional instruction and been at a flight school for the last three months or so since he started flying his airplane.

Frank and I reviewed performance, computed weight and balance. We verified all required documents and that Aircraft was currently in a good maintenance status. A pre-flight was completed.

We had two take offs and landings (the second one was a go around) and on the third takeoff the engine quit abruptly (it appeared engine seized instantly) at approximately 150 feet after we took off on the south runway. At that time, I assumed control of the aircraft to protect us from a stall and landed the aircraft straight ahead off the departure runway."

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks again sincerely John Sowieja