

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: McGregor State: MN

ZIP: 55760 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 10/07/2022 Local Time: 4:30

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: central

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N550ZF

Manufacturer: Zenith

Model: CH-750

Serial Number: 75-7677

Year of Manufacture: 2010

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1320 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 975 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 1

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

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

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☒ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable

- ☒ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

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

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	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	continental	0-200			100	510	4	
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 09/08/2022

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 510 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: warp drive

Model: 3 blade N19570

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☒ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: unk

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: _____

Registered Aircraft Owner

Name: McGregor Communication LLC

City: McGregor

State: MN

ZIP: 55760

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Country: USA

Operator of Aircraft

☒ Same As Registered Owner

☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: Wayne Alden

City: McGregor

Doing Business As: _____

State: MN

ZIP: 55760

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: USA

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: N/A

Airport Identifier: _____

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

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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 ☐ Crosswind ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ 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 2 INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

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

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None
 ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
 ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Restraint Type

Available

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

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

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
 ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
 ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane
 ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift
 ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)

	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBER (Continuation of Form NTSB Form 1080, Rev. 11-15-95)

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	☐ Serious
		☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal
			☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
☐ None	☐ Flight Instructor	Available	Used
☐ Private	☐ Recreational	☐ None	☐ None
☐ Student	☐ Sport	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only
	☐ Commercial	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point
	☐ Airline Transport	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point
	☐ Flight Engineer	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point
	☐ US Military	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown
	☐ Foreign		
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: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front	☐ None
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center ☐ Rear	☐ Minor
Last Name: _____	Country: _____	☐ Right ☐ Single	☐ Serious
		☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal
			☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
☐ None	☐ Flight Instructor	Available	Used
☐ Private	☐ Recreational	☐ None	☐ None
☐ Student	☐ Sport	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only
	☐ Commercial	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point
	☐ Airline Transport	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point
	☐ Flight Engineer	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point
	☐ US Military	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown
	☐ Foreign		
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 flight deck observers and other flight deck crew)

Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left	☐ None	Available	Used	☐ Under 5 years
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Minor	☐ None	☐ None	☐ If Under 5,
Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Serious	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only	☐ Child Restraint
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ Lap-Held
	Row: _____	☐ Unknown	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ Unknown
			☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	
			☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	
First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left	☐ None	Available	Used	☐ Under 5 years
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Minor	☐ None	☐ None	☐ If Under 5,
Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Serious	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only	☐ Child Restraint
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ Lap-Held
	Row: _____	☐ Unknown	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ Unknown
			☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	
			☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	
First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left	☐ None	Available	Used	☐ Under 5 years
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Minor	☐ None	☐ None	☐ If Under 5,
Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Serious	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only	☐ Child Restraint
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ Lap-Held
	Row: _____	☐ Unknown	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ Unknown
			☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	
			☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	
First Name: _____ City: _____	☐ Left	☐ None	Available	Used	☐ Under 5 years
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Center	☐ Minor	☐ None	☐ None	☐ If Under 5,
Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Right	☐ Serious	☐ Lap Only	☐ Lap Only	☐ Child Restraint
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Unknown	☐ Fatal	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ Lap-Held
	Row: _____	☐ Unknown	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ Unknown
			☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	
			☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>KAIT</u>	Time: <u>3:00</u>	Airport ID: <u>KHZX</u>	☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
City: <u>Altkln</u>	Time Zone: <u>Central</u>	City: <u>McGregor</u>	☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
State: <u>MN</u>		State: <u>MN</u>	☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
Country: <u>USA</u>		Country: <u>USA</u>	☐ VFR
			Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

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: 300 ft msl

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)		Weather Observation Facility
☐ National Weather Service	☐ Company	Facility ID: <u>KAIT</u>
☐ Flight Service Station	☐ Military	Observation Time: <u>3 pm</u>
☐ TV/Radio	☐ Internet	Time Zone: <u>central</u>
☒ Automated Report	☐ None	Distance from Accident Site: <u>25</u> nm
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	☐ Unknown	Direction from Accident Site: <u>200</u> degrees true
☐ On-Board Weather		

[illegible]

Wind Direction ☐ Variable -OR- Direction: <u>SW</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable -OR- Speed: _____ 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	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)				Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)			
☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	☒ 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 ☐ Flowing Spray ☐ Dust	☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown			

Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme	
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DESCRIPTION OF AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE

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)

landed in trees so major wing and fuselage damage

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.

I departed KAIT around 2:15 pm on Friday 7 Oct 22 heading back to McGregor (KHZX) with approximately 3/4 full wing tanks - around 16 gal of fuel total. The CH-750 had an O-200 engine that burns at cruise around 5 - 7 gal/hr. Weather was great so I leveled around 500 - 1,000 ft. I went slightly north of a direct line back to McGregor getting the feel of aircraft and enjoying sightseeing around the area I grew up in. After around 30 - 45 min I noticed the right wing still had 3/4 tank of fuel and the left wing only 1/4 tank. I switched the fuel valve to the right tank which was 3/4 full to balance the load. I began heading back to KHZX cruising over the wilderness along the Mississippi River, looking at the tree color changes and identifying farms whose owners I knew. The aircraft came equipped with a ball on the right side of the dash to hold an ipad to monitor airplane information. Unfortunately, the ipad blocked the view of the right fuel guage so you had to move the ipad to see it. A clock would have helped estimate fuel flow without looking at the guages, but there was no clock in the aircraft. So I made a mental note to check the right fuel guage in about 30 - 45 min.

I was heading back to McGregor. I knew I was getting close to time to check the fuel in the right tank. All of a sudden the engine stopped. I knew immediately what had happened. I was about 300 ft above the ground cruising around 70 kt. over the Mississippi River about 10 miles north of KHZX. I quickly moved the fuel tank guage to both, turned on the fuel pump, and cranked the engine. I tried to crank it at least 2 more times but no ignition. Since I was now around 100 ft from the ground I had to decide if I wanted to land in the Mississippi or the woods on the bank. Since I did not want to drown, I picked the woods. It was solid large trees with very few smaller ones. Since I new there was a highway on the east side of the road a few blocks away, I tried to find the smallest trees I could on the east side of the river and headed for them. I braced myself and crashed. The total time from engine stoppage to landing was probably around 2 minutes.

After landing, I immediately shut the fuel off and the master switch off while gasoline began pouring into the cockpit. The gas stopped flowing down on me. I crawled out of the airplane's right door since the airplane was on its left side with the left wing almost off and the right wing and tail in the air. I then sat down for a couple minutes to recover and decide what I should do next. I checked my cell phone in my pocket. It was OK and had signal. Since I was not injured and I knew I was within 1/2 mile from hwy 65, I decided the emergency beacon should be shut off to avoid unnecessary expenses that I would probably get charged for any type of search operation once someone picked up the emergency beacon signal. I unfastened about 10 screws on a 2 ft by 2 ft compartment on the bottom of the fuselage, located the emergency beacon which was on red and signaling, unlatched it from the side of the compartment, shut it off and left it disconnected.

I sat down for another couple minutes. I looked over the airplane one more time, decided I had done all I could, and then started walking toward hwy 65. I think it took about 15 minutes of walking around brush and trees and I saw the highway. I walked across the highway, sat down in the grass, and called my wife to come and pick me up. That was about 5:30 pm. Our home is about 5 miles from there. She arrived about 15 minutes later. We drove to McGregor which was about 12 miles south to get my car located at the airport which I drove home.

I got home about 6 pm exhausted. Since there were no longer any emergencoes, I decided I would eat dinner, recover, and find out what I needed to do relative to the airplane in the morning. When morning came, I began the long process of notifying organizations of the accident. Since it was Saturday of a long weekend, most organizations were closed or minimally staffed. I notified the Aitkin County sheriff office who contacted the FAA. I also called AOPA to get the information on who to call in the FAA and NTSB.

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

I should have lowered the knob that was holding the airplane data lpad to have a clear view of my fuel tank guages.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If there is more than one malfunction, use a separate form.)

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)

16 _____ 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 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
went out right main door

OTHER AIRCRAFT COLLISION (If the aircraft collision occurred at or in proximity to the aircraft involved in the crash.)

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 (800-835-6041/800-848-1183)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**10/13/2022

mm/dd/yyyy

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