

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location Nearest City/Place: <u>Eau Claire</u> State: <u>WI</u> ZIP: <u>54703</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>N44 51.9</u> Longitude: <u>W091 29.1</u> <i>(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)</i>		Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>02/05/2023</u> Local Time: <u>12:50 PM</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: <u>Central</u>	
		Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☐ None	

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: <u>N9770J</u> Manufacturer: <u>Piper</u> Model: <u>Cherokee 180</u> Serial Number: <u>28-3698</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>1967</u> Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If Yes:</i> ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____		☒ IFR-Equipped and Certified ☐ Commercial Space Flight ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: <u>2400</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>2106</u> lbs Number of Seats: <u>4</u> Flight Crew Seats: <u>1</u> Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: <u>3</u> Number of Engines: <u>1</u>	
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Category of Aircraft ☒ Airplane ☐ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Rocket ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Standard</th> <th>Special</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ Normal</td> <td>☐ Restricted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Aerobatic</td> <td>☐ Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Balloon</td> <td>☐ Provisional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Commuter</td> <td>☐ Special Flight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Transport</td> <td>☐ Experimental</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Utility</td> <td>☐ Special Light-Sport</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>☐ Experimental Light-Sport</td> </tr> </table> ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Standard	Special	☒ Normal	☐ Restricted	☐ Aerobatic	☐ Limited	☐ Balloon	☐ Provisional	☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight	☐ Transport	☐ Experimental	☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport		☐ Experimental Light-Sport	Landing Gear <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Retractable ☒ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel ☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid ☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid ☐ Float ☐ Ski ☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Engine Type <i>(Select one)</i> ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket ☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket ☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket ☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None ☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown ☐ Electric Fuel System Type <i>(Reciprocating)</i> ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected
Standard	Special																		
☒ Normal	☐ Restricted																		
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☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight																		
☐ Transport	☐ Experimental																		
☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport																		
	☐ Experimental Light-Sport																		

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time <i>(hours)</i>	Time Since: Inspection <i>(hours)</i>	Overhaul <i>(hours)</i>
Eng. 1	Lycoming	O-360-A4A	L-10781-36A	Unknown	180	3765.1	2	522.3
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☒ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: <u>7-20-2022</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: <u>3765.1</u> hrs hours measured at <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident		Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: <u>Sensenich</u> Model: <u>76EM8S5-0-60</u> Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	
Type of Maintenance Program <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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: _____		ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No <i>If Yes:</i> ELT Manufacturer: _____ Model or Part No.: <u>102A</u> 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 <i>If activated:</i> Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If not activated:</i> Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage ☒ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown	
		Additional Equipment <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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: Robert L. SpenleCity: New AuburnFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoState: WI ZIP: 54757Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
- ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial
- ☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
- ☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION** (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)Airport Name: Chippewa Valley Regional AirportAirport Identifier: KEAUProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/ADistance From Airport Center: .5 sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Airport Elevation: 913 ft. msl**Runway Information**

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☒ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
- ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/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: Robert

City of Residence: [REDACTED]

Middle Initial: L

State: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED]

Last Name: Spence

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 56 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

01/11/2023
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must use corrective lenses

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Must use CPAP for sleep apnea

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

10/19/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Airbus

Model: BK117C2

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

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

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

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

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Airplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

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

Type Ratings**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)**Flight Time** (Enter appropriate
number of hours in each box)

	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	7147.5	400	494.6	0	1890	280.7	206.9	6652.9	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	6945	400	459	0	1860	280.7	206.9	6450	0	0
Time as Instructor									0	0
This Make/Model					12	85	22			
Last 90 Days	26	1.1							0	0
Last 30 Days	7.7	0							0	0
Last 24 Hours	0	0							0	0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

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

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

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

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

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Restraint Type**Available**

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

Used

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

Inflatable Restraints

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

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

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

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Special Issuance**

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:** _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

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

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

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

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ 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

Actual

Simulated

Rotorcraft

Glider

**Lighter
Than Air**

Total Time

Pilot in Command (PIC)

Time as Instructor

This Make/Model

Last 90 Days

Last 30 Days

Last 24 Hours

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer	Restraint Type: Available 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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer	Restraint Type: Available 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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: Bryce City: [REDACTED] Middle Initial: D State: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED] Last Name: Timm Country: USA ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: F	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: Andrew City: [REDACTED] Middle Initial: D State: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED] Last Name: Spenle Country: USA ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: B	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION				
Last Departure Point Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____		Time of Departure Time: _____ Time Zone: _____		Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____
		Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown		
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ VFR ☐ Special VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Cruise ☐ Unknown / NA				
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ 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 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 ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☒ On-Board Weather ☐ Company ☐ Military ☒ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KEAU</u> Observation Time: <u>1753Z</u> Time Zone: <u>Central</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>0</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true	
Basic Conditions ☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>320</u> degrees true		Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>8</u> kts		Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type of Precipitation (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		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing 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
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 ☐ 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)

Fire started in engine compartment and spread aft to cargo area and right wing. Engine compartment and entire cabin gutted by fire.

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.

On December 4 2022 I flew 1.1 hours in N9770J. It started normally and I noted no anomalies during the flight. On December 25, I attempted to fly but aircraft would not start. This aircraft had always started for me but I attributed this first non-start to the -7 degree weather. On January 5 2023 I attempted to take my son Andrew D. Spenle and his friend Bryce Timm for a flight. Aircraft would not start again and the battery ran down so we plugged in the battery tender and spent approximately 20 minutes for it to charge back up. We attempted to start again with the engine starting for about 3 seconds and quitting. It was as if it was starting on the prime but then starved of fuel. After making several attempts at starting, the battery ran down again and I told the passengers that something was wrong and we would call it a day. I decided I would have maintenance look at it as this aircraft had never done this before. After shutting off the master and other switches, the passenger (Bryce Timm) saw smoke coming from the front of the cowling. He exited the plane, then I did. He got to the front of the plane and said he saw a small flame inside the cowling. I had my son Andrew pull the mixture idle cutoff immediately and I saw him do it as I called 911 at 12:51. I told the 911 operator that we had an airplane fire at the Eau Claire airport at hangar D9. The flames started to build and the paint started boiling on the engine cowling. I did not hear any sirens after the initial 911 call so I called back at 12:53 to ensure that they were coming and they knew it was hangar D9 we were parked in front of. She told me that the fire trucks were on the way. The fire continued to spread and eventually engulfed the cabin area. The airport fire truck and an engine from fire house 8 arrived between 1:01 and 1:05. The airport fire truck had one fire fighter and he sprayed water on the left side of the aircraft. A Hawthorne FBO employee jumped up on the truck and told him the fire was burning more on the right side. The airport truck then moved to the right side of the aircraft and had more success fighting the fire from that side. The engine from the Eau Claire Fire department 8 did not engage in fire fighting efforts.

After fire fighting was completed, a large amount of unburned fuel remained. Hangar tenants and Hawthorne employees assisted in catching the leaking fuel and draining fuel from the tanks to prevent fuel running in to the drains. Oil dry was also used to prevent fuel from entering the drain. Aircraft was then manually pushed in to hangar D-9 and locked up after clean up was complete.

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.)

**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)

35 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**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**OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION** (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for *other* aircraft)**Aircraft Registration Number****Manufacturer:** _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

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

Date of this Report

02/08/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Robert L. Spenle

Signature: _____

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

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**

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Name of Investigator

Mitchell Gallo

Date Report Received

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