

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: Lafayette State: CO

ZIP: 80026 Country: USA

Latitude: 39° 58' 39.7" N Longitude: 105° 04' 38.2" W

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 07/14/2023 Local Time: 07:10 am

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: MDT

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N 895 FA

Manufacturer: Adams Balloons

Model: AB-120

Serial Number: 279

Year of Manufacture: 2021

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

☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2070 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1790 lbs

Number of Seats: 0 Flight Crew Seats: 0

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 0

Number of Engines: 0

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
- ☐ 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/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								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 12/27/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 217.5 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 (AATP)
- ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
- ☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
- ☒ Specify: Hand held fire extinguisher

Propeller 1

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

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

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

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason:
- ☐ Impact Damage
 - ☐ Fire Damage
 - ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
 - ☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
- ☐ Airframe Parachute
- ☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
- ☐ Autopilot
- ☐ Data Recorder
- ☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
- ☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
- ☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
- ☐ Handheld GPS
- ☐ Heads Up Display
- ☐ Onboard Weather
- ☐ Satellite Tracking Device
- ☐ Stall Warning System
- ☐ Video Recording Device
- ☐ Other, Specify: _____

Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Kenneth P Bradley</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Ault</u> State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: <u>80610</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: <u>Kenneth P. Bradley</u> Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☒ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☐ No		Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
		Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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	
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>Erie Municipal Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>KEIK</u> Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>3</u> sm Direction From Airport: <u>220</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>5130</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around ☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☒ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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: Kenneth City of Residence: Ault
 Middle Initial: P State: CO ZIP: 80610
 Last Name: Bradley Country: United States
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 59 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 border="0"> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ None</td> <td>☒ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☒ None	☒ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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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 <u>mm/dd/yyyy</u>														

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must use corrective lenses to meet vision standards at all required distances

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

02/09/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Adams Hot Air Balloon

Model: AB-120 serial number 279 N895FA

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☒ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)	599	599								599
Time as Instructor	6	6								6
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	26	26								26
Last 30 Days	17	17								17
Last 24 Hours										

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION																																																																																																				
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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 ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ 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	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs			
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address First Name: <u>Gary</u> City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Dawson</u> Country: <u>United States</u> ☐ 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 If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: <u>Melanie</u> City: <u>Erie</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Mena</u> Country: <u>United States</u> ☒ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
First Name: <u>Marco</u> City: <u>Erie</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Reyes</u> Country: <u>United States</u> ☒ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
First Name: <u>minor</u> City: <u>Erie</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>CO</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: [REDACTED] Country: <u>United States</u> ☒ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION						
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KEIK</u> City: <u>Erie</u> State: <u>CO</u> Country: <u>United States</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>12:43</u> Time Zone: <u>Zulu</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>KEIK</u> City: <u>Erie</u> State: <u>CO</u> Country: <u>United States</u>		Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA						
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93					Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE						
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☒ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>Denver</u> Observation Time: <u>05:14</u> Time Zone: <u>MDT</u> Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true			
Basic Conditions ☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night				
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>58</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>48</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.01</u> in. Hg or _____ MB		
Wind Direction ☒ Variable -or- Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>20</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: <u>27</u> kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft			
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown		
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		
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: Please see attached						

Aircraft Damage			Aircraft Fire		Aircraft Explosion	
☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ Destroyed ☐ Unknown	☒ None ☐ In-Flight ☐ On-Ground		☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time ☐ Unknown	☒ None ☐ In-Flight ☐ On-Ground		☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time ☐ Unknown

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

 (2) small fabric tears in the envelope, less than 2",
 (1) small puncture in the envelope

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.

Erie Town Fair Balloon Rally, Reschedule Dates July 14th – July 16th, 2023
 Flight summary for Friday July 14, 2023
 Pilot, Kenneth P. Bradley D.O.B. [REDACTED] Commercial Pilot, Certificate [REDACTED] Issued 24 February 2020, Lighter Than Air Balloon, Limited to Hot Air Balloons with Airborne Heater.
 Balloon, N 895 FA Adams AB-120, 135,000 cu ft envelope, Serial Number 279, date of manufacture April 2021 flown over Aerostar CWS Bottom Basket 51650-4, complete system weight ready to fly full of fuel is 890 pounds. Total lift capacity at 5,000' MSL at 60°F ambient temperature is 2070 pounds with a maximum envelope temperature of 250°F, or 1200 pounds of passengers.
 Manifest: a total 5 people total on board, 4 passengers, (1) pilot. Passenger manifest included (1) Hot Air Affair LLC., paid passenger, (2) event sponsor passenger, (1) event volunteer crew passenger. Total combined passenger weight including pilot was approximately 900 pounds
 Launch Location: Colliers Hill open field west of Erie High School, North West corner of the intersection of County Road 5 and Colliers Parkway with a field elevation of 5100' msl.
 Landing Location: SRM Concrete, [REDACTED] Lafayette, CO 80026
 Flight duration was 25 minutes with approximately 6 miles of distance covered, we observed a maximum ground speed of 27 mph and reached a maximum altitude of 1200 AGL, 6200 MSL.
 11:25z: Arrive at launch location, check in with event organizer,
 11:30z: Pilots briefing, red zone map discussion, misc discussions concerning flying the area, airport communications, passenger/sponsor assignments, volunteer crew assignments and weather briefing.
 12:00z: Pilots final weather briefing, winds light and variable, temp 58°, DP 48° alt 30.01 visibility 10 miles sky conditions clear. Discussion about an occluded front stalled out over the KGXY area, front was predicted to be in the KEIK area between 14:30z and 15:00z with increased winds predicted to be starting at that point. Flight was conducted under Part 91 Rules, pilots discretion, it was suggested that flights be kept low and to only fly for 30-45 minutes with plans to be back on the ground and packed up no later than 14:00z.
 12:15z: The decision was made that we could make a safe flight based off the information provided during the pilots briefing. We unloaded the balloon and prepped it for inflation. During inflation I did my walk around inspections to verify the integrity of the aircraft and continued with inflation bringing the balloon to equilibrium. I asked my passengers to get into the basket and I proceeded with passenger briefings.
 12:43z: We removed the tie off system and launched for the flight.
 12:45z: Once airborne I looked at my instruments which indicated that we were traveling at 17mph; I ascended in search of calmer winds to determine the best flight and landing options. Our maximum altitude was 6200' MSL during which we experienced speeds ranging from 17mph to 27mph.
 13:00z: After assessing the wind at different altitudes, I determined landing was the safest option so I started searching for a safe landing area that was large enough to accommodate a high wind landing. I re-briefed my passengers for a high wind landing with specific instructions to hang on, get down in the basket and stay in the basket. I began to execute my protocol for high wind landings by descending at approximately 200 feet per minute to contouring height prior to reaching my intended landing location. Once on final approach, I descended to make contact with the ground for my final landing, the basket made contact with the ground and began to drag at which point one passenger was ejected from the basket. Having lost the weight of the passenger the balloon became airborne rising approximately 50-60 feet into the air. Throughout the landing I continued to release air through the top vent which resulted in the balloon returning to the ground. The balloon again began to drag along the ground until coming to a rest.
 I had been in communication with my crew via 2 way radios during the entire flight and they were aware of my location via Glympse gps application on our phones. Phone communication on the ground had been lost as a result of my phone being bounced out of the basket during the first contact with the ground.
 Once safely on the ground I established communication with the site manager of SRM Concrete to get directions for our crew to get to use and instructed them to call 911 and request medical assistance for the passengers, I immediately returned to the basket and remained with the passengers help request any further injuries.

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)

40 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87

☐ 100 Low Lead

☐ 100/130

☐ 115/145

☐ Jet A

☐ Jet A-1

☐ Jet B

☐ JP8

☐ Automotive

☒ Other, specify propane

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

Climbed out of the basket

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

☐ Substantial

☐ Minor

☐ 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.

Lafayette Police Department
Case Report # 23-2457

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

Date of this Report

07/18/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Kenneth P Bradley

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**

NTSB Accident/Incident No.

CEN23LA305

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

DENVER, CO

Name of Investigator

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Date Report Received

18 July 2023