

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION
Accident/Incident Location

 Nearest City/Place: Vega State: TX

 ZIP: 79092 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

 Date: 05/26/2025 Local Time: 3:40
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM

 Time Zone: CST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

 Registration Number: N7175D

 Manufacturer: Piper

 Model: PA-18

 Serial Number: 18-5634

 Year of Manufacture: 1957

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

 Make: Super Cub

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

 Maximum Gross Weight: 1400 lbs.

 Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1250 lbs.

 Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1

 Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 1

 Number of Engines: 1
Category of Aircraft
 (Select one)

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

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/Series	Engine 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	Con.	C90			90	480	8	480
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

 Date of Last Inspection: 11/15/2025
mm/dd/yyyy

 Airframe Total Time: 8052 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: _____

Additional Equipment

- ☐
- ADS-B
-
- ☐
- Airframe Parachute
-
- ☐
- Angle of Attack Indicator
-
- ☐
- Autopilot
-
- ☐
- Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Coupled Flight Director
-
- ☐
- Data Recorder
-
- ☐
- Device Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
-
- ☐
- Electronic Multifunction Display
-
- ☐
- Electronic Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- Flight Management System

- ☐
- Handheld GPS
-
- ☐
- Heads Up Display
-
- ☐
- Night Vision Goggles
-
- ☐
- Onboard Weather
-
- ☐
- Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Satellite Tracking Device
-
- ☐
- Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Video Recording Device
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Detection
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Protection
-
- ☐
- Other, Specify: _____

 ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:

 ELT Manufacturer: Artex

 Model or Part No.: 345

 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

Propeller 1 ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

 Manufacturer: Sensinich

 Model: 76-2-42
Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: 7175D LLC

Fractional Ownership Aircraft:

☐ Yes☒ NoCity: TucumcariState: NMZIP: 88401Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☐ Same address as Registered OwnerName: Darren Elliott

Doing Business As: _____

City: VegaState: TXZIP: 79092Country: USA

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

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 450
☐ 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
☐ 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 ☐ Unknown

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: Oldham Co. AirportDistance From Airport Center: 5 sm.Airport Identifier: E52Direction From Airport: 290 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 4000 ft. MSL**Runway Information**Runway ID: 17 Length: 4000 ft. Width: 60 ft.**Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)**

- ☒ Asphalt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

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 ☐ Crosswind ☒ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

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**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☒ 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: Darren

City of Residence: Vega

Middle Initial: M

State: TX ZIP: 79092

Last Name: Elliott

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 41

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number:

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☒ Minor

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify:

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 ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

10/05/2023
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Corrective lenses

Medical Certificate Special Limitations**Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)**

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other:

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

12/17/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Piper

Model: PA-18

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ 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 Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

High Performance, complex, tailwheel

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	1780	440	1780		380							480
Pilot in Command (PIC)	1780	440	1780		380							480
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	40	15	40		8							15
Last 30 Days	16	4	16		2							4
Last 24 Hours	0											

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

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ 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 ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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 ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

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 Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)**

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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)

☐ 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 Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements (Include dates)**

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						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 CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	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.	

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	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.)

Number of Passengers <u>1</u>					
Passenger Information	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: <u>Kasyn</u> City: <u>Vega</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>TX</u> Zip: <u>79092</u> Last name: <u>Fetterman</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☐ 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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>E52</u> City: <u>Vega</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>3:30</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>CST</u>	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>E52</u> City: <u>Vega</u> State: <u>TX</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ Certificate of Authorization	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise	
☐ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA	
☒ None					
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			Weather Observation Facility		
☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application:			☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☒ None ☐ Unknown		
☐ On-Board Weather			Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height 6000 _____ ft. AGL	☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling	Ceiling Height		
☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial ☐ Obscuration ☐ Scattered		☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown	☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	Temperature: _____ (°C) or 75 _____ (°F) Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:		Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility
_____ (Hg), or _____ (mb)		☒ Variable or Direction: _____ degrees true	☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable or Speed: _____ kts	☒ Not Gusting or Speed: _____ kts	5 _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft.
Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i>				Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
☒ 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 ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Severity ☐ Light ☒ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme
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 ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

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

damage to right wing, prop, door, glass, struts, landing gear, door, fuselage, rudder, elevator.

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.

attached statment

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION *(How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)*

N/A

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a 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)

16 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas 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: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

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

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

6-4-2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Darren Elliott

Signature: _____

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.	Reviewed by NTSB AS Division	Name of Investigator	Date Report Received
CEN25LA188	Central Regional Office (CEN)	Michael J. Hodges	06/04/2025

6.2.2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On May, 26, 2025 at 3:15 p.m. I started to fly my PA-18 Cub in the pattern at Oldham County Airport. After a preflight check and ground run-up, I took off on runway 17. I had been working in my hangar since about 10:00 a.m. During that time, I noticed the wind was light (8knts) and changing directions from 200 to 300. I continued flying in the pattern and around the vicinity of E52. I did low approaches and touch-and-goes. During the first 10 minutes of flying, I noticed light turbulence. At approximately 3:30 p.m. I landed on the grass strip flanking runway 17. I taxied to my hangar and picked up a friend of my son to take him flying. (Kasyn Fetterman) Again, I took off on Runway 17 due to a light wind out of 230. We flew in the pattern for about 5 minutes and then began to fly west of the airport over a dried lake bottom. There, we flew a few low approaches over the lake bottom and then climbed back to approximately 500 AGL on a 090 heading to cross midfield and enter a left downwind for 170. At this point, I had entered a left downwind for 170 and was setting up for a landing on the flanking grass strip to 170. As I descended and turned from base into a final for 170, I encountered a pocket of unstable air and a heavy gust that pushed my right wing up and caused the aircraft to descend at a rapid rate. My response to this turbulence was to apply hard right aileron and full power. That correction caused me to go wings level, but I was still being forced downward by turbulence. I had the yoke (stick) full back and throttle full open and was not gaining altitude. At this time, I estimate my AGL altitude was 50'. I had the option to bank hard right and miss the wind sock pole, but risk hitting the wing first and rolling the aircraft, or, hitting the wind sock pole head on and possibly still land the plane. I chose, in the blink of an eye to hit the wind sock pole head-on. We landed hard, but upright, with minor injuries. Once we came to a complete stop, I told the passenger to exit the aircraft as quickly as possible, he did just that. I turned off the master switch and magneto, then exited the plane as quickly as I could. Someone close by called 911, and another by standard showed up with a fire extinguisher in case of fuel leakage, none found.

This statement is true to the best of my ability,

Darren Elliott