

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: OSHKOSH State: WI
 ZIP: 54902 Country: USA
 Latitude: 43.9727876 Longitude: -88.5566054
 (Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 7/18/2025 Local Time: APX 17:30
 mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM
 Time Zone: CENTRAL

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N7369K

Manufacturer: PIPER

Model: PA-20 PACER

Serial Number: _____

Year of Manufacture: 1950

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

Make: _____

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1800 lbs.

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1709 lbs.

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 3

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 ☐ 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/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	LYCOMING	O-290			125			
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date of Last Inspection: 7/10/2025
 mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: _____ 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: _____

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

Propeller 1

- ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: SENSENICH

Model: M76AM-2-S6

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**

Name: MATHEW CIRNIGLIARO
 City: [REDACTED] State: GA
 ZIP: 30103 Country: USA

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Operator of Aircraft

☒ The Operator is also the Registered Owner

☒ Same address as Registered Owner

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

Doing Business As: _____
 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: WITMAN REGIONAL
 Airport Identifier: KOSH
 Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: 0 sm.
 Direction From Airport: N/A degrees true
 Airport Elevation: 809 ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: 36L Length: 8002 ft. Width: 150 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 ☐ Unknown
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation

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 ☐ 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: MATTHEW CERNIGLIARO

City of Residence: BATAVIA

Middle Initial: J

State: OH

ZIP: 45103

Last Name: CERNIGLIARO

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 45

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

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

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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

3/28/2025
 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:

12/17/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: PIPER

Model: PA-20 PACER

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
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift ☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

TAILWHEEL ENDORSEMENT 5/28/19

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	419.8	338.1	419.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	369.4
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	12.2	12.2	12.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.2
Last 30 Days	12.2	12.2	12.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.2
Last 24 Hours	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.6

N/A

"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
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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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 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												

NA

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

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Other: _____			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign		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
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 ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Other: _____			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign		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
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.)

Passenger Information	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
Number of Passengers: <u>1</u>					
First Name: <u>SALVATORE</u> City: <u>FAIRFIELD</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>OH</u> Zip: <u>45011</u> Last Name: <u>CARMICHAEL</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>1</u>	☒ 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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years <i>If under 5 years,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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 Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years <i>If under 5 years,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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 Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years <i>If under 5 years,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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 Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years <i>If under 5 years,</i> ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>DKB</u> City: <u>DeKalb</u> State: <u>IL</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>15:50</u> <i>HH:MM</i> Time Zone: <u>C</u>	Flight Information Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____ _____	Destination Airport ID: <u>OSH</u> City: <u>OSHKOSH</u> State: <u>WI</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

- ☐ 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 (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: 0 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
☒ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: FOREFLIGHT ☐ Unknown
☐ On-Board Weather

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: KOSH
 Observation Time: APX 1700
 Time Zone: CENTRAL
 Distance from Accident Site: 30 nm
 Direction from Accident Site: 180 degrees true

Basic Conditions

- ☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Lowest Cloud ConditionHeight 4400 ft. AGL**Light Condition**

- ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

- ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken
☒ Few ☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Partial ☐ Unknown
☐ Obscuration
☐ Scattered

Ceiling

- ☐ None (Clear)
☒ Broken
☐ Overcast
☐ Obscured
☐ Indefinite
☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height4400 ft. AGLTemperature: 25 (°C) or ____ (°F)Dewpoint: 18 (°C) or ____ (°F)APPROXIMATE**Altimeter Setting:**

____ (Hg), or ____ (mb)

Wind Direction☐ Variable

or

Direction: 160 degrees true**Wind Speed**☐ Calm☐ Light and VariableSpeed: 8 kts**Wind Gusts**☐ Not Gusting

or

Speed: 8 kts**Visibility**10 miles

RVR: ____ feet

RVV: ____ miles

Density Altitude: ____ ft.

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

Intensity of Precipitation**Amount**

- ☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☐ N/A
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual**Amount**

- ☒ None
☐ Trace
☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Severe
☐ Unknown

Type

- ☒ N/A
☐ Rime
☐ Clear
☐ Mixed
☐ Unknown

Turbulence (Check all that apply)**Type**

- ☒ None
☐ Clear Air
☐ Terrain-Induced
☐ Convective

Severity

- ☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Severe
☐ Extreme

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:AIRVENTURE NOTAM

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None
☐ Minor

- ☒ Substantial
☐ Destroyed
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground

- ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground

- ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

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

RIGHT WINGTIP AND RIGHT ELEVATOR STRUCK GROUND.
 PRELIMINARY INSPECTION SHOWS DAMAGE TO OUTER 3 RIBS ON RIGHT
 WING BEYOND STRUT. RIGHT ELEVATOR IS ALSO BENT.

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.

SEE PRINTED SUMMARY

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

SEE PRINTED SUMMARY

Ground Loop Summary - 7/18/25

Here is the summary and breakdown of my accident on 7/18:

My final leg to OSH began at DKB, where I took on 24 gallons of fuel. I planned my arrival for Friday hoping it would mean less traffic on the Fisk approach. That plan didn't work out as the approach was saturated all the way in from the Puckaway Lake transition. I was able to join the line to Fisk smoothly, and was following another taildragger at a comfortable distance. The last ATIS I listened to said runways 9, 36L, and 36R were in use with wind 160 @ 8 knots. I remember thinking, "If I'm offered the option, would I rather have a direct crosswind or a tailwind?" As it happened I was assigned 36L anyway and decided to proceed as assigned.

On the eastbound base leg from Fisk, the line slowed significantly and began to bunch up in an accordion effect. I had to drop below 90 knots a few times to maintain space behind the aircraft in front of me which at this point was close enough to identify as a STOL type aircraft with bush tires, possibly a Kitfox or Just Aircraft. The approach was completely saturated. The aircraft ahead of me was cleared to 36L on the pink dot, I was cleared to the yellow dot, and another aircraft behind was cleared to the purple dot.

It was on final that things started to get out of line. The aircraft in front of me clearly had a much slower approach speed. I typically fly about 75mph on final, 65-70 over the fence, and touchdown at about 55. Decelerating from the 103mph (90 knots) base to my 75mph final had me gaining on the STOL aircraft rapidly, and our separation was starting to make me very uncomfortable. In hindsight, this is the moment I should have gone around. The other issue is that the STOL aircraft was heading straight for my yellow dot rather than the pink dot it was cleared for. On its round out, it was directly over the yellow dot. The controller said somewhat urgently, "I need you to keep it in the air to the pink dot. You have traffic RIGHT behind you." By the time I was in my flare I'd estimate I was only a few hundred feet behind the other aircraft, and I was moving significantly faster than it was. I'd be curious to know exactly how much distance I had, but I was definitely closer than I was comfortable with.

This is where things went sideways, quite literally. As I touched down, I attempted to get on the brakes immediately to avoid the aircraft in front of me. As I moved my feet up to the brakes and applied them, the aircraft began to yaw left quickly. I applied full right rudder. When I realized that wasn't enough, I mashed the right brake as well. It was past the point of no return though. In an instant the tail came around. I was still moving fairly fast, but I thought for a moment it might not tip. However, as the plane got to the edge of the runway, the wheel seemed to catch and the airplane tipped over onto the wing and tail briefly before stopping in the grass just west of 36L. I confirmed my dad was ok, immediately shut down the airplane, and heard the tower say, "We see you out there yellow taildragger."

Root Cause

Attempting to brake hard immediately after touchdown led to a loss of directional control. The airplane ground looped to the left, damaging the right wing and right elevator.

Contributing Factors

1) Poor separation from the aircraft ahead that landed short necessitated braking. I'm not confident I wouldn't have hit that airplane if I'd just rolled out the way I usually do. While of

course it's entirely my responsibility to maintain control, see and avoid, and go around if necessary (which is exactly what I should have done), it's worth noting that the preceding aircraft was well short of its assigned landing position and going very slow.

2) There was a significant tailwind with a small quartering component. As I mentioned earlier, the last ATIS I heard before switching to Fisk was 160 @ 8. I did not hear a live update while I was on Fisk approach frequency or 36 tower frequency. However, I was told by another pilot that the tower had called out 10 gusting 14 a few minutes before my landing (presumably while I was listening to Fisk approach). Regardless of the exact numbers, it was not a favorable wind for a short coupled tail dragger.

Pilot's Conclusion

The bottom line is pretty simple. When I didn't like what I was seeing on final, I should've gone around. Trying to brake hard in a short taidragger while still rolling quickly was a huge mistake, and I should've never put myself in a position to make that mistake. I know better, and I'll be kicking myself for a long time to come.

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)

_____ 30 _____ 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 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☐ Substantial☐ Minor☐ None

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:

7/28/2025
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

MATTHEW CERNIGLIARO

Signature:



-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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