

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

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location Nearest City/Place: <u>Gulfport</u> State: <u>MS</u> ZIP: <u>39574</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>30° 28' N</u> (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: <u>89° 05' W</u> (ddd:mm:ss E/W)		Date/Time Date: <u>8-23-2012</u> Local Time: <u>1000</u> mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: <u>CST</u>	
Phase of Operation ☐ Standing ☒ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover ☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other ☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown		Collision with Other Aircraft ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence <u>0'</u> ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: <u>Cessna</u> Model: <u>172</u> Serial Number: <u>17275852</u> Registration Number: <u>N65747</u> Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Max Gross Weight: <u>2550</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>2000</u> lbs Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ inches from ☐ nose or ☐ datum -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)	
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Category of Aircraft ☒ Airplane ☐ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyrocraft ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered lift ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply) Standard ☒ Normal ☐ Utility ☐ Acrobatic ☐ Transport Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport	Number of Seats: <u>4</u> If Large Aircraft, how many seats for: Flight Crew: _____ Cabin Crew: _____ Passengers: <u>0</u>	Landing Gear ☐ Retractable Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies: ☒ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel ☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid ☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid ☐ Float ☐ Ski ☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel ☐ Unknown
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Type of Maintenance Program ☒ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____	Last Inspection Type ☐ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☒ Annual ☐ Unknown	Date Last Inspection: <u>4/5/12</u> mm/dd/yyyy Airframe Total Time: <u>4274</u> hrs hours measured at (check one) ☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident
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IFR Equipped ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	Stall Warning System Installed ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	Type of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☐ Specify <u>Hand held</u>
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ELT Installed ☒ Yes ☐ No ELT Activated ☒ Yes ☐ No ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident ☐ Yes ☒ No	ELT Manufacturer: <u>MERL Inc.</u> Model/Series: _____ Serial Number: <u>P/N BP 1020</u> Battery Type: _____ Battery Exp. Date: <u>5/2014</u>
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Engine Type ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet ☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown	Reciprocating Fuel System Type ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel Injected	Propeller ☒ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch Manufacturer: <u>Hartzel Sensenich</u> Model: _____
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Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>O-360</u>	<u>L-33956-36A</u>		<u>180</u>	<u>2326</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>589</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

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

AIRPORT INFORMATION (If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)

Airport Identifier: MS 82 Distance From Airport Center: On Airport SM
 Airport Name: Shade Tree Direction From Airport: Airport degrees MAG
 Proximity to Airport ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip Airport Elevation: 110 ft. MSL

Approach Segment (Select one)

☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

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

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown

Runway Information

Runway ID: 35L (L/R/C) Length: 3500 ft Width: 80 ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

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

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

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: MS 82
 City: Gulfport
 State: MS
 Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 10:00
 Time Zone: EST

Destination

Airport ID: MS 82
 City: Gulfport
 State: MS
 Country: USA

Type Flight Plan Filed

☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR
 Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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 E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☐ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☒ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area

Aircraft Load Description (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☒ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
 (convert from pounds, as necessary)

40 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____
☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5

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

opened door exit.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: *Gulfport Regional Airport*

Observation Time: *Automated Service*

Time Zone: *9:30 EST*

Distance from Accident Site: *10* NM

Direction from Accident Site: *SE* degrees MAG

Source of Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☒ Automated Report ☐ Unknown
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)

Method of Briefing

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ In Person
☐ Teletype
☒ Telephone/Computer
☐ Aircraft Radio
☐ TV/Radio
☐ Unknown

Briefing Type/Completeness

- ☐ Full ☐ Abbreviated
☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Unknown
☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☒ Not Pertinent

Light Condition

- ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
☐ Not Reported

Visibility

10 miles

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

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

Ceiling

- ☐ None (clear) ☐ Obscured
☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite
☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown

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

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

8000' ft AGL

Ceiling Height

8000' ft AGL

Wind Direction

☒ Indicated:
0 degrees MAG

☐ Variable

Wind Speed

Velocity: *0* KTS

- or-
☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

Wind Gusts

Velocity: *0* KTS

- ☐ Gusting
☒ Not Gusting

Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None ☐ In Clouds
☐ Clear Air ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm

Severity of Turbulence

- ☐ Extreme ☐ Moderate ☐ Light
☐ Severe ☐ Moderate Chop

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

Temperature: _____ (C)
 or *80°* (F)

Altimeter Setting: _____ in. HG
 or _____ MB

Density Altitude: _____ ft

Dew Point: _____ (C)
 or _____ (F)

Icing Forecast

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

Type

- ☐ Rime
☐ Clear
☐ Mixed

Icing Actual

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

Type

- ☐ Rime
☐ Clear
☐ Mixed

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None ☐ Drizzle
☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets
☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets
☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains
☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals
☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Snow Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle

Intensity of Precipitation

- ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy

PILOT "A" INFORMATION																																																																																																				
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Pilot "A" Identification First Name: <u>James</u> City: <u>Sauveir</u> Middle Initial: <u>A.</u> State: <u>MS</u> ZIP: <u>39574</u> Last Name: <u>Knowles, Sr</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>75</u> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Certificate Number: [REDACTED]																																																																																																				
Degree of Injury ☒ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious			Seat Occupied ☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single			Seat Belt Used ☒ Yes ☐ No Available ☐ Yes ☐ No		Shoulder Harness Used ☒ Yes ☐ No Available ☐ Yes ☐ No																																																																																												
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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 time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

At about 10:00 AM on 23 Aug 2012 completed check list for routine flight to stay in pattern for practice landings. Entered runway 35 for take off. Set at end of RW, making final checks, called local traffic. Paused - throttled up for take off. Heard a noise/crack sound, looked around at door & window. The window had come open. Reached with my left hand to close. At the same time, AC in motion, started to shut down the AC. Broke, looked up to see AC headed off RW toward trees and bushes on the left side of RW. Tried to shut down AC as quickly as possible. To late, was into the bushes. AC was damaged. The only conclusion I can make, is, that when breaking, my left foot did not reach the break!

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

Therefore pushing the left rudder pedal in,
turning the AC to the left off the RW.

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

Date of this Report

31-09-12
mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature:

Type or Print Name: James A. Knowles SR.

Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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ERA12CA531Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office
Doral, FloridaName of Investigator
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