

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: Yadkinville State: NC
 ZIP: 27055-8974 Country: USA
 Latitude: 36:03:58.731 (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 80:32:02.31W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 05/14/2013 Local Time: 15:40
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: EDT

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

_____ ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Schweizer

Model: 1-23 H 15

Serial Number: 69

Registration Number: 9860E

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 196 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 193 lbs

Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:

16 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

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: 1

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

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

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: 05/08/2013

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 2,157 hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None
☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident

☐ Yes ☒ No

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: _____ Battery Exp. Date: _____

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: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	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								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION		
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Roger Cummings & Christopher Wilson</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Owner Address City: <u>Greensboro</u> State: <u>NC</u> ZIP: <u>27455</u> Country: <u>Guilford</u>
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Registered Owner Name: <u>Roger Cummings</u> Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address ☒ Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Public Use (select type) ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown		Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) ☒ Personal ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Instructional ☐ Ferry ☐ Positioning ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race / Show ☐ Flight Test ☐ Public Use ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International ☐ Domestic ☐ International Cargo Operation ☐ Passenger/Cargo ☐ Passenger _____ How many? ☐ Cargo _____ lbs ☐ Mail	Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (135) ☐ Large Helicopter (127) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for <i>other</i> aircraft)		
Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)		
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown (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
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY		
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☒ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed	Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground	Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground

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

There was significant damage to both wings, the fuselage and the canopy. Apart from breaking off branches of trees, there was no other damage to other property. There was no damage to other individuals.

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

Airport Identifier: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM

Airport Name: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG

Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip

Airport Elevation: _____ 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: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ 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: 43NCCity: FarmingtonState: NCCountry: USA**Time of Departure**Time: 1400Time Zone: EDT**Destination**Airport ID: 43NCCity: FarmingtonState: NCCountry: 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)

_____ 0 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 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

The only occupant was the pilot. I climbed out of the fuselage the same way that I normally exit the glider.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: KINTObservation Time: 1300Time Zone: EDT

Distance from Accident Site: _____ NM

Direction from Accident Site: _____ 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 | | |

Visibility10 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

_____ ft AGL

Ceiling Height

_____ ft AGL

Wind Direction☒ Indicated:
240 degrees MAG☐ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 12 KTS

-or-

- | |
|---|
| ☐ Calm |
| ☐ Light and Variable |

Wind GustsVelocity: 18 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

None

Temperature: _____ (C)
or 60 (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

Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

Pilot "A" Identification

First Name: Roger City: Greensboro
 Middle Initial: W State: NC ZIP: 27455
 Last Name: Cummings Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 65 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

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Student
 ☐ Recreational
 ☐ Commercial
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Foreign
☒ Private
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

02/13/2012
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must Wear Corrective Lenses

Medical Certificate Waivers

None

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

09/11/2012
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Citabria
 Model: 7GCAA

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
☐ Free Balloon
☒ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

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

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	388	108	241	0		0	3	0	148	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	325	108	198	0		0	3	0	127	0
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					0	0	0			
Last 90 Days	10	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Last 30 Days	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Last 24 Hours	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

PILOT "B" INFORMATION

Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Certificate Number: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

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

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Student
 ☐ Recreational
 ☐ Commercial
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Foreign
☐ Private
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Waivers

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

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)

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

Other Aircraft Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)

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

Instrument Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)

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

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						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 CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)																	
Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?				☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs											
						☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown											
Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
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Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
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						☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown											
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)																	
Name and Address						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
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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.

The plane had just received its annual inspection and there was no mechanical impairment to the plane prior to the incident. I did check both the terminal area forecast and the NOAA Aviation Soaring forecast, which predicted winds with possible gusts from the Southwest but excellent visibility and excellent lift.

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HEIGHT OF THE - 3 INDEX...8200 FT ASL

TOP OF THE LIFT.....8800 FT ASL

GSO MAX TEMPERATURE.....71 DEGREES F

FIRST USABLE LIFT.....57 DEGREES F

MAXIMUM LIFT.....451 FT/MIN

I departed Bahnson gliderport (43NC) at 14:00 EDT on aero tow and released at 3800' MSL with the intension of returning to this field. I encountered areas with very good lift and reached 5,000 MSL. After approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes of soaring, I prepared to return to the field from the NW.

I encountered a very significant area of sink that did not abate and realized that a return to 43NC was approaching the limit of my gliders capability. The best decision appeared to be picking something easily reachable rather than arriving back at home field at a very low altitude. I chose the best looking easily reachable field and set up for a right pattern to land west into the wind, and upslope on a freshly cut hay field of adequate length. The pattern was normal at the proper speed. There were no observable wires. During the turn to final my right wing caught the top of a tall tree. The glider was pulled to the right (clockwise) and entered other trees at the edge of the woods and the open field. Although the glider was damaged, I had only very minor bruises to my left upper arm and left thigh. Both the NC State Police and the County Rescue Squad were quickly at the scene. I was released by the rescue squad and driven back to Bahnson field by a State Police Officer. An initial call to the FAA was made. The property owner was contacted. Although the wing of the plane did contact branches of the trees on his property there was no substantial damage done.

The damaged plane was intact and came to rest at the base of trees about 15 feet from the tree line of the intended landing field. The terrain is rolling.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

1. Limiting glider flight to a distance such that I was not away from gliding distance of 43NC.
2. Returning to 43NC along the flight path that I had taken to get to the location where I encountered significant sinking air.
3. Turning away from the direction of 43NC in hopes of finding a larger or more suitable off field landing site.
4. Modifying the landing pattern flown to allow a steeper approach on final.
5. Turning on final such that I approached the intended land out field on a diagonal, thus increasing the linear distance available to land the glider.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

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

Altimeter setting was made at field elevation (800 feet) prior to the start of aero tow.

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

Date of this Report

05/23/2013

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Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: Roger W. Cummings

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

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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Murray

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