

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

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: INDIAN LAKE ESTATES State: FL
ZIP: 33855 Country: USA
Latitude: 27.816194 Longitude: -81.382205
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 03/14/2015 Local Time: 14:00
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: EASTERN

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N220AF

Manufacturer: RICHARD FUIST

Model: ROTORWAY TALON A600

Serial Number: 7056

Year of Manufacture: 2014

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1500 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1280 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: — Passenger Seats: 1

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☐ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☒ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

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

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ 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	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>ROTORWAY</u>	<u>RE 600 N</u>	<u>6665</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>27 - SERVICE</u>	
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 40 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: _____

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

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

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

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

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

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

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Richard FuistCity: Aurora, ILState: FL ZIP: 33823Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

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 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 ☐ Unknown
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☒ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

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: _____

Airport Identifier: _____

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

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
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

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 ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

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

VFR Approach (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

☐ 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: RICHARD City of Residence: AVONDALE
Middle Initial: A State: FL ZIP: 33823
Last Name: FWIST Country: USA
Age at time of Accident/Incident: 50 Date of Birth: 1965 mm/dd/yyyy
Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☒ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious		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 ☒ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer						
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown		Medical Certificate ☐ None ☒ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown		Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☒ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance		
				Date of Last Medical <u>08/11/2014</u> mm/dd/yyyy		

Medical Certificate Limitations

MUST HAVE AVAILABLE GLASSES FOR NEAR VISION

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

4-18-2009 Solo
3-1-2015 Solo

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		23						55		
Pilot in Command (PIC)		7.2						7.2		
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days		23						23		
Last 24 Hours										

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ 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 ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown								
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Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

N/A

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 ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
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)

Crew Name and Address

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front
☐ Center ☐ Rear
☐ Right ☐ Single
☐ Unknown

Injury

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Restraint Type:

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Type Rating/Endorsement for

Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Flight Time at the Time

of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs

Crew Name and Address

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front
☐ Center ☐ Rear
☐ Right ☐ Single
☐ Unknown

Injury

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Restraint Type:

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

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)

Name and Address

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

Seat

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

Injury

☐ None
☐ Minor
☐ Serious
☐ Fatal
☐ Unknown

Restraint Type

Available **Used**
☐ None ☐ None
☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only
☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Age

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☒ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

☐ 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

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

☐ 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

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other

☐ Left
☐ Center
☐ Right
☐ Unknown
 Row: _____

☐ 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

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ Under 5 years
 If Under 5,
☐ Child Restraint
☐ Lap-Held
☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: KGIF
City: WINTER HAVEN
State: FL
Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 13:30
Time Zone: EASTERN

Destination

Airport ID: ZL816794, -81.382205
City: INDIAN LAKE ESTATES
State: FL
Country: USA

Type Flight Plan Filed

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

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

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

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:

GROUND ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☒ Automated Report ☐ None
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown
☐ On-Board Weather

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: KGIF
Observation Time: 13:19
Time Zone: EASTERN
Distance from Accident Site: 24 nm
Direction from Accident Site: 131 degrees true

Basic Conditions

☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Light Condition

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

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

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

Ceiling

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

Temperature: 24 (C) or _____ (F)

Dew Point: 19 (C) or _____ (F)

Altimeter Setting: 30.19 in. Hg
or _____ MB

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

ft agl

Ceiling Height

ft agl

Wind Direction

☐ Variable

-or-
Direction: 170 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

-or-
Speed: 8 kts

Wind Gusts

☒ Not Gusting

-or-
Speed: _____ kts

Visibility 10 miles

RVR: _____ feet

RVV: _____ miles

Density Altitude: _____ ft

Intensity of Precipitation

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

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

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

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

Amount Type
☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

Amount Type
☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply) Severity
☒ None ☐ Light
☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe
☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ 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 ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

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

NO PROPERTY DAMAGE

HELICOPTER DAMAGE - TAILBOOM, LANDING SKIS & HOOPS, BLADES & ROTOR HEAD, BODY PANELS

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.

ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 14TH I CONTINUED TO TRACK & BALANCE MY BLADES. I GOT MY HOVER TRACK & BALANCE WITHIN TOLERANCE. THIS PROCEDURE WAS BEING DONE WITH A DIGITAL BALANCER. NOW I WANTED TO SEE HOW IT DID IN FLIGHT, SO I DID A PATTERN AROUND THE AIRPORT. (MY HOME BASE KBIF) ACCORDING TO THE BALANCER THE LEAD/LAG WAS OFF THE CHART. I SHUT DOWN THE HELICOPTER AND TRIED TO CONTACT A GENTLEMAN WHO IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ROTORWAYS AND THE MECHANICS OF THESE HELICOPTERS. HE DID NOT ANSWER THE PHONE, AND BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW WHY THE L/L WAS OFF THE CHART DURING FLIGHT I DID NOT MAKE ANYMORE BLADE ADJUSTMENTS UNTIL I TALKED WITH HIM. I DID HOWEVER CHECK THE SLIDER BALL ADJUSTMENT PER FACTORY SPECS. LOOSEN SET SCREWS, BY HAND/FINGERS LOOSEN SLIDER BALL ADJUSTMENT NUT, THEN TIGHTEN UNTIL IT STOPS, THEN BACK OFF 1/2", TIGHTEN SET SCREWS. I STARTED THE HELICOPTER UP AND DID ANOTHER PATTERN FLIGHT AROUND THE AIRPORT, LANDED, SHUT DOWN, EVERYTHING FELT FINE. I HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE PLANS TO FLY TO MY MOMS FOR LUNCH IF ALL WENT WELL. WEATHER WAS GOOD, SO I TEXTED HER TO TELL HER I WAS LEAVING IN 10 MIN. I DID PRE-FLIGHT OF HELICOPTER AND LEFT BALANCER HOOKED UP. ALL CABLES WERE TAPED DOWN WELL AGAINST BODY PANELS, BALANCER & CABLE IN COCKPIT WERE HELD IN PASS SEAT BY PASS SEAT BELT. THE FLIGHT WAS PREVIOUSLY CHECKED OUT BY MYSELF ON SKYVECTOR. NO NOTAMS, STRAIGHT 24 NM FLIGHT TO HER PLACE. SHE HAS LIVED THERE 30 YEARS, I WAS VERY FAMILIAR WITH HER AREA. ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD WAS HOMES, OTHER SIDE WAS LONG GRASS STRIP, THE LENGTH OF THE ENTIRE BLOCK. CONNECTED TO THAT WIDE GRASS STRIP WAS

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

I DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE.

THE FAA AAD COULD NOT VISIBLY SEE ANY CAUSE FOR THE CRASH. SHE DID TAKE MY ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS FOR EVALUATION. I CHECKED WITH THE FACTORY TO SEE HOW OLD THEY WERE, THEY WERE SOLD IN MAY 2013, BUT NO IDEA HOW LONG THEY WERE SITTING AROUND. THE FACTORY SAID THEY ARE MADE BY THEIR VENDOR BY ORDER. I WAS ALSO TOLD THEY DETERIORATE FASTER SITTING ON A SHELF THAN THEY DO FLYING, THESE DID NOT GET INSTALLED UNTIL NOV 2014.

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

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No ?
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

I RESEARCHED SOME BLOGS IN THE ROTORWAY COMMUNITY AND I FOUND AN ARTICLE THAT DESCRIBED MY INCIDENT EXACTLY. A STUDENT PILOT AT ROTORWAY IN 2002 WAS FINISHING UP HIS LAST OF PHS I WITH HIS INSTRUCTOR WHEN HE EXPERIENCED THE SAME SYMPTOMS. HE SAID IT TOOK ALL HE AND HIS INSTRUCTOR HAD TO CONTROL THE CYCLIC TO LAND THE HELICOPTER. IT WAS A HARD LANDING, BUT THE HELICOPTER WAS NOT DAMAGED. THEY STATED IT WAS THE ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS IN THE ROTOR HEAD.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

Hours

Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATIONFuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

17

Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87☐ 100 Low Lead☐ 100/130☐ 115/145☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Jet B☐ JP8☒ Automotive☐ 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: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in Ink)

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

A LAKE. I KNEW I DID NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT POWER LINES, CABLES OR TREES, VERY SIMPLE APPROACH. I DEPARTED FROM KBEF APPROX. 13:30 EASTERN AND HEADED HER WAY. THE FLIGHT WAS PRETTY SMOOTH. I DID ONE "AVERAGE" READING ON THE BALANCE HALF WAY THERE AND SAW THE READING WAS BETTER, BUT STILL OFF THE CHART. WHEN ARRIVING ON A STRAIGHT IN APPROACH I STARTED TO DESCEND FROM 500' AGL. WHILE STARTING TO DESCEND I FELT PRESSURE FROM THE CYCLIC FROM THE RIGHT PUSHING LEFT. IT WAS GETTING STRONGER BY THE SECOND AND I KNEW I WAS IN TROUBLE. THE ONLY THING I CAN REMEMBER IS PUSHING THE CYCLIC WITH ALL I HAD, ROLLING MY HAND ON THE CYCLIC TO GIVE ME THE BEST ANGLE TO PUSH BACK. WITNESS & MY MOM SAID I WAS ABOUT 20-30 FEET AGL WHEN THE HELICOPTER ROLLED/BANKED LEFT. THE HELICOPTER ENDED UP ON THE RIGHT SIDE. THE FRONT LEFT SKID BROKE OFF AND THE RIGHT SIDE SKID CAME COMPLETELY OFF AND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE RIGHT SIDE HOOPS/LANDING GEAR. I ASSUME THE LEFT SKID POKED THE GROUND CAUSING THE BREAK AND ALSO ME ROLLING TO THE RIGHT SIDE. THE WITNESSES SAID I GOT MYSELF OUT OF THE HELO, SAT ON A CHAIR THEY PROVIDED. I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT. THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS FIGHTING THE CYCLIC WITH ALL I HAD. THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER IS WAKING UP IN THE HOSPITAL.

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

Date of this Report

03/22/2015

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

RICHARD FUIST

Signature: _____

- or -

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

- or -

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