

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: New Holland State: PA

ZIP: 17557 Country: Lancaster

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/15/2015 Local Time: 7:50 pm
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Eastern

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N40104

Manufacturer: Head Balloons

Model: A19-118

Serial Number: 439

Year of Manufacture: 6/2014

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 11050 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1439 lbs

Number of Seats: _____ Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

Number of Engines: 0

Category of Aircraft

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

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

- | Standard | Special |
|---|---|
| ☐ Normal | ☐ Restricted |
| ☐ Aerobatic | ☐ Limited |
| ☒ Balloon | ☐ Provisional |
| ☐ Commuter | ☐ Special Flight |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Experimental |
| ☐ Utility | ☐ 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. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 06/24/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 81.5 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: fire extinguisher

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: Todd N PlankCity: LancasterState: PA ZIP: 17602Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ NoCountry: Lancaster**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered OwnerName: Robert W Fisher☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerCity: Honey BrookState: PA ZIP: 19344Doing Business As: New Horizon Balloon Team

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

Country: Lancaster**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 ☐ Crosswind ☐ 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: Robert Le Fisher
 Middle Initial: LE
 Last Name: Fisher

City of Residence: Honey Brook
 State: PA ZIP: 19344
 Country: Lancaster

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 52 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 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> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>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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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

N/A

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

N/A

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

06/20/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Heard
 Model: A79-118

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	519	31								519
Pilot in Command (PIC)	519									519
Time as Instructor	15									
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	18	12								
Last 30 Days	9	5								
Last 24 Hours	0	0								

"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</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	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
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☐ 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	Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy															

Medical Certificate Limitations

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

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Total Time										
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This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
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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 ☐ 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 ☐ 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	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs					
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)							
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u>Robert</u> City: [REDACTED] Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>MD</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: [REDACTED] Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ 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	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Melinda</u> City: [REDACTED] Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>MD</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: [REDACTED] Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ 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	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Departure Point

Port ID: _____

Time of Departure

Time: 6:55

Time Zone: Eastern

Destination

Airport ID: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Type Flight Plan Filed

- ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☒ VFR

653 North Railroad Ave. New Holland PA

40-125755

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

- ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR
☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top

- ☐ VFR Flight Following
☐ Traffic Advisory

- ☐ Cruise
☐ Unknown / NA

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

- ☐ Class A ☐ Class G
☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area
☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area
☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area
☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area
☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)
☐ Airport Advisory Area
☐ Jet Training Area
☐ TRSA
☐ FAR 93

- ☐ Special
☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Unknown

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)

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

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: _____

Observation Time: _____

Time Zone: _____

Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm

Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true

Basic Conditions

- ☒ VMC ☒ VFR
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Light Condition

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

Visibility/Lowest Cloud Condition

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

Ceiling

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

Temperature: _____ (C) or 83 (F)

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

Altimeter Setting: 30.15 in. Hg
or _____ MB

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

ft agl

Ceiling Height

10,000 ft ft agl

Wind Direction

☒ Variable

-or-

Direction: _____ degrees true

Wind Speed

- ☐ Calm
☒ Light and Variable

-or-

Speed: _____ kts

Wind Gusts

- ☒ Not Gusting

-or-

Speed: _____ kts

Visibility 10.5 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
☒ None ☐ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

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

Turbulence

- Type (Check all that apply)
☒ None
☐ Clear Air
☐ Terrain-Induced
☐ Convective Turbulence

- Severity
☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Severe
☐ Extreme

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

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
☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

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

Charing on a few of metal cables coming from Balloon to basket.

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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 departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Wind speed at take off location was reported to be 6mph. We arrived at location felt wind speed was a little higher than that so we waited there for approx 45 minutes. The surface winds calmed down to below 5mph. The surface winds prediction was to be 3mph at sunset 8:00pm. We setup the balloon, a normal setup nothing out of ordinary. Launched at roughly 6:55pm. Flight was normal wind direction was approx 210 at 5500 ft. For about 30 minutes. Dad clipped down to top of corn twice during flight to see if there was and change in direction or speed which is normal to do during the flight. Approaching time to land I do a mental checklist. 1st establish a landing area, and see if anything in front of me in flight path that may look better. (in next couple miles) check to see if the approach to landing site is clear of obstacles, switch on to fresh fuel tank. Check to see the availability of the area to location. Radio crew to get to landing location ahead of me, which they did. Setup approach came down, a rounded balloon off above the corn field that was in front of hay field, touched the top of the corn at I was entering the hay field.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

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.)

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)

_____ 40 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87☐ 100 Low Lead☐ 100/130☐ 115/145☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Jet B☐ JP8☐ Automotive☒ Other, specify Propane

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

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

pulled on vent line to allow heat to escape from top of balloon. Started the procedure about 20 ft before, crossing out of corn field. Continued to vent until balloon came to stop. Basket first touched down on the ground around 15 ft into hayfield. It jolted and tipped basket for a moment. at about a 20° angle lifted back off ground a couple feet, went in forward motion approx 20-25 ft. touched ground a second time stayed on the ground the slid maybe an additional 30 ft. came to complete stop. Left go of vent line at that time. There was no rocking or forward movement of the balloon at all. Stopped approx 50 ft from electric wires. Asked passenger #1 Melinda if she was OK and she said yes asked passenger #2 Robert if he was OK and he said yes. No indication still that the balloon was in any trouble. Started shut down procedure on fuel after asking passengers if they were OK. which is typical. At this point one of crew members brought to my attention at was on the out side of basket, that the balloon was getting light. (light means at balloon was deflating and was about to start to bring down). I looked up to see the condition of balloon, and also noticed that the vent line was hung up under the basket. (not typical) pulled vent line out from under basket and started to release the top line so balloon could be pulled away from the direction of the wires. Was unable to do that. Electrical shock started before anyone was able to get to the top line 911 was called immediately.

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

Date of this Report

08/26/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Robert W. Fisher

Signature: [Redacted]

- or - ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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