

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: 940 Cline Road State: NC

ZIP: 28125 Country: United States

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 10/22/2016 Local Time: 08:38
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: EST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N9015Y

Manufacturer: Aerostar International

Model: RX-8

Serial Number: RX8-3293

Year of Manufacture: 1997

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

☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 1650 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1542 lbs

Number of Seats: N/A Flight Crew Seats: N/A

Cabin Crew Seats: N/A Passenger Seats: N/A

Number of Engines: N/A

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
- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Emergency Float
- ☐ Float
- ☐ Hull
- ☐ Tailwheel
- ☐ High Skid
- ☐ Skid
- ☐ Ski
- ☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☒ None

☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐ Reciprocating
- ☐ Turbo Shaft
- ☐ Turbo Prop
- ☐ Turbo Jet
- ☐ Turbo Fan
- ☐ Electric
- ☐ Liquid Rocket
- ☐ Solid Rocket
- ☐ Hybrid Rocket
- ☒ None
- ☐ Unknown

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
- ☐ AAIP
- ☐ Annual
- ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
- ☐ Conditional Inspection
- ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 11/11/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 528 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 Carried on Board

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.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ OC91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ OC126 (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: Up Up Away Hot Air Balloon CoCity: BaldwinState: MDZIP: 21013Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: United States**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: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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

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 ☐ 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
- ☐ 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: Matthew City of Residence: Annandale
 Middle Initial: F State: NJ ZIP: 08801
 Last Name: Lidinsky Country: United States
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 31 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

N/A

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

08/10/2013
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Not valid for night flying or by color signal control

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

5/30/2015
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Cameron Balloons
 Model: C-80

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
 ☐ 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	614	427								614
Pilot in Command (PIC)	614	427								614
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	21	20.5								21
Last 30 Days	11	11								11
Last 24 Hours	1.7	1.7								1.7

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

☒ None
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Commercial
 ☐ US Military

☐ Private
 ☐ Recreational
 ☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ Foreign

☐ Student
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Flight Engineer

☐ None
 ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1
 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2
 ☒ Unknown

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☒ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

mm/dd/yyyy

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

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

☒ None
 ☐ Instrument Airplane
 ☐ Instrument Helicopter

☐ Airplane Single-Engine
 ☐ Helicopter

☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
 ☐ Glider

☐ Gyroplane
 ☐ Sport

☐ Powered Lift

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address				Seat Occupied		Injury
First Name: <u>Robert</u> City of Residence: <u>Jacksonville</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>NC</u> ZIP: <u>28540</u> Last Name: <u>Howard</u> Country: <u>United States</u>				☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☒ 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: <u>Unknown</u> hrs				
Crew Name and Address				Seat Occupied		Injury
First Name: <u>Edd</u> City of Residence: <u>Calabagh</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>NC</u> ZIP: <u>28467</u> Last Name: <u>Lange</u> Country: <u>United States</u>				☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ 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: <u>N/A</u> hrs				
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints
						Age 66
First Name: <u>Nancy</u> City : <u>Calabagh</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>NC</u> ZIP: <u>28464</u> Last Name: <u>Lange</u> Country: <u>United States</u> ☒ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>N/A</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	☒ 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 ☐ 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: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ 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: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ 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

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KSVH</u> City: <u>Statesville</u> State: <u>NC</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>07:45</u> Time Zone: <u>EST</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>N/A-Fly w/ wind</u> City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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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)			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>775</u> ft msl
☐ Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Class D ☐ Class E	☒ Class G ☐ Demo Area ☐ Warning Area ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Restricted Area	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93	☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)	Weather Observation Facility
☐ National Weather Service ☒ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather	Facility ID: <u>KSVH</u> Observation Time: <u>12:45/8:45</u> Time Zone: <u>Zulu/EST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>12.5</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>113</u> degrees true

Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☒ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>5000</u> ft agl	Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: <u>09</u> (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: <u>01</u> (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>2996</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
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Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>280</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>08</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)	Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)
☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers	☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals	☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust

Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme
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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 ☐ 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 <i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i> Flytec Instrument pack had a damaged screen. The minor repair was made to the screen.		
NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT <i>(Please type or print in ink)</i>		
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. On Saturday October 22, 2016 at approximately 7:45 AM I, Matthew Lidinsky, departed on a hot air balloon flight in hot air balloon N9015Y from the Statesville Airport (KSVH) as a part of the Carolina Balloon Festival. The event had a FAA waiver. Under the waiver anyone wishing to ride or be board a balloon is designated as a flight crewmember. All people on board are crew and were assigned the responsibility to look out for power lines and obstacles during the flight. Prior to the flight I attend a pilot briefing and was briefed on the weather conditions by the balloon festival weather officer, Roger Clark. The briefing advised that winds had been calming but that the winds would pick up after 9:00 AM. Winds at 5:45 AM were reported as 290 at 4 knots. At take off KSVH reported winds 260 at 4 knots. I took off with four people on board, five people including myself. Prior to taking off I briefed my on board crewmembers for safe landings in front of my ground crewmembers Vincent Panico, Anton Lidinsky Jr. and Maureen Lidinsky. I briefed the flight crewmembers to hold onto the handles inside of the balloon basket, face the direction of travel with their knees bent. I informed the flight crewmembers to keep their arms, legs and body inside of the basket. I also further advised them to not get out of the basket until I instructed them after landing. In addition during the flight, I spoke with them about high wind landings and that the basket tip over on it's side. I chose a large hay field to land in that I saw from about a mile away. After seeing the field, I then informed all on board that we were going to land in that field and that they needed to hold on as we were going to have a bouncy and hard landing. I had also noticed that the surface winds had significantly increased. As I was approaching the field, I then informed all to hold on and face the direction of travel with their knees bent and that the basket may tip on the side and that we were going to hit the ground hard. One person, Mirela Savu, continued to take pictures of the landscape with her camera as we came in to land the balloon. I told her to put the camera down and hold on. I then further instructed everyone to hold on and that we were going to bounce. Just prior to landing I pulled on my red line/deflation line to start deflating the balloon prior to touching down in the hay field. We then landed/touched down. As we touched down Mirela Savu started to put her hands towards the ground and touched the ground as the basket started to lean on it's side. I then repeated to keep your arms and legs inside. Her significant other, Robert Howard, who was next to her then grabbed her by her jacket as it appeared she was going to fall out since she was not holding on. We then went up into the air about five feet off of the ground and then dragged to a stop in the hay field just to the west of a home located at [REDACTED] Mount Ulla, NC [REDACTED]. I then asked everyone if they were OK. Three on board advised they were fine except for Mirela Savu who advised that she was hurt and groaned in pain. She complained of back pain. I then requested all other flight crewmembers to crawl out of the basket, which they did as requested. I told Mirela Savu to not move as precautionary measures. I then left the basket to go to the mailbox of the home to get the address to request an ambulance. The emergency communications center (911) advised that an ambulance was on the way to the field. Prior to EMS arriving I spoke with Mirela Savu and asked her if she could move her arms and legs, which she could do. She was also able to squeeze my hand as requested. An EMT or firefighter in his personal vehicle arrived within 3-4 minutes of hanging up with 911. I called 911 at 8:42 AM EST. A medic unit responded and transported Mirela Savu from the field to Davis Regional Medical Center located at 218 Old Mocksville Rd, Statesville, NC 28625 It should be noted that local sheriff deputy arrived and asked what happened. I explained to him the landing process to him and then he advised he was leaving because he had a domestic call. Later the North Carolina Highway Patrol responded and asked questions about what happened. After speaking with them they advised they advised we could pack the balloon up and leave the field. I believe the North Carolina Highway Patrol and the sheriff did not take a police report. On site, I then spoke with Chief Frank T. Thomason of the Rowan County Department of Emergency Services who advised he would be making a report and that it would be available on Monday morning. He was unable to provide a report number. Mark MacSkimming, safety officer, for the Carolina Balloon Festival arrived at the scene. I then went to the hospital with Mark MacSkimming to check on the crewmember who went to the hospital while my crew finished loading the balloon. I do not believe that there were any witnesses to the landing of the balloon as we were in remote farm area. I was notified on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 by Crissy Divens of T.H.E. Insurance Company that Robert Howard advised her that Mirela Savu had a fractured wrist and a fractured #6 vertebrae.		

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

If Ms. Savu followed instructions and kept arms inside of basket and held on I believe this injury could have been prevented.

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)

36 Gallons**Fuel Type**☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ Jet B☒ Other, specify Propane☐ 100 Low Lead☐ Jet A☐ JP8☐ 100/130☐ Jet A-1☐ Automotive**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**N/A**Manufacturer:** _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ 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.

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

Date of this Report

11/14/2016

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: MATTHEW LIDINSKY

Signature: _____

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If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

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