

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

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location Nearest City/Place: <u>Murfreesboro</u> State: <u>TN</u> ZIP: <u>37128</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: _____ (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: _____ (ddd:mm:ss E/W)		Date/Time Date: <u>July 14, 2017</u> Local Time: <u>19:30</u> mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: <u>Central</u>	
Phase of Operation ☒ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover ☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☒ Maneuvering ☒ Other ☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown		Collision with Other Aircraft ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence _____ ft MSL	

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: <u>The Balloon Works, Inc.</u> Model: <u>FF8B-15</u> Serial Number: <u>B8520-3-S</u> Registration Number: <u>N3282P</u> Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☐ No		Max Gross Weight: <u>1,900</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>690</u> lbs Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> Standard ☒ Normal ☐ Utility ☐ Acrobatic ☐ Transport Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport	Number of Seats: <u>0</u> 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: <u>04/01/2017</u> mm/dd/yyyy Airframe Total Time: <u>309</u> 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 <u>Chemical hand held bottle</u>
ELT Installed ☐ Yes ☒ No ELT Activated ☐ Yes ☒ No	ELT Manufacturer: _____ Model/Series: _____ Serial Number: _____ Battery Type: _____ Battery Exp. Date: _____	
ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Jack WheelerFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No**Owner Address**City: MurfreesboroState: TN ZIP: 37128Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered OwnerName: Jack WheelerDoing Business As: Smoky Mountain Air

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 ☐ Public Use (select type)
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Unknown
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces

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

(Check 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 other aircraft)**Aircraft Registration Number**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Damage to Other Aircraft
☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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)

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 ☐ Sideslip ☐ 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	Time of Departure	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: _____	Time: _____	Airport ID: _____	☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR
City: _____	Time Zone: _____	City: _____	☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
State: _____		State: _____	☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
Country: _____		Country: _____	☐ 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 ☐ Denso 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)	Fuel Type
_____ Gallons	☐ 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

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Weather Observation Facility**

Facility ID: MBT

Observation Time: 17:30

Time Zone: Central

Distance from Accident Site: 10 NM

Direction from Accident Site: 330 degrees MAG

Source of Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

☐ National Weather Service☐ Flight Service Station☐ TV/Radio☒ Automated Report☒ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)☐ Company☐ Military☐ Internet☐ Unknown**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☒ Day☐ Dusk☐ Night☐ Dark Night☐ Bright Night☐ Not Reported**Visibility**

10 miles

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition☒ Clear☐ Few☐ Partial Obscuration☐ Scattered☐ Thin Broken☐ Thin Overcast☐ Unknown**Ceiling**☒ None (clear)☐ Broken☐ Overcast☐ Obscured☐ Indefinite☐ Unknown**Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Blowing Dust☐ Blowing Sand☐ Blowing Snow☐ Blowing Spray☐ Dust☐ Fog☐ Ground Fog☐ Haze☐ Ice Fog☐ Smoke☐ Unknown**Lowest Cloud Condition Height**

ft AGL

Ceiling Height

ft AGL

Wind Direction☐ Indicated:
degrees MAG☐ Variable**Wind Speed**

Velocity: KTS

-or-

☒ Calm☐ Light and Variable**Wind Gusts**

Velocity: KTS

☐ Gusting☒ Not Gusting**Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Clear Air☐ In Clouds☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm**Severity of Turbulence**☐ Extreme☐ Severe☐ Moderate☐ Moderate Chop☐ Light

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

Temperature: 31 (C)
or (F)Altimeter Setting: 30.07 in. HG
or MB

Density Altitude: ft

Dew Point: (C)
or (F)**Icing Forecast**

Amount

☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Icing Actual**

Amount

☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Rain☐ Snow☐ Hail☐ Rain Showers☐ Freezing Rain☐ Snow Shower☐ Drizzle☐ Ice Pellets☐ Snow Pellets☐ Snow Grains☐ Ice Crystals☐ Ice Pellets 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" IdentificationFirst Name: ArchieMiddle Initial: JLast Name: WheelerCity: MurfreesboroState: TNZIP: 37128Country: USAAge at time of Accident/Incident: 53Date of Birth: [REDACTED]Certificate Number [REDACTED]**Degree of Injury**
☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious
Seat Occupied
☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single
Seat Belt
 Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No
Shoulder Harness
 Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No
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
02/23/2017
 mm/dd/yyyy
Medical Certificate Limitations

Must wear corrective lenses.

Medical Certificate Waivers
**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:**
02/18/2017
 mm/dd/yyyy
Flight Review AircraftMake: Level D EMB 145 Simulator

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
☒ Airplane Single-Engine
☒ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift

☒ Instrument Airplane
☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport
Type Ratings

EMB 145

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	12,300	301								325
Pilot in Command (PIC)	6,600									302
Time as Instructor	806									
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	290									16
Last 30 Days	90									6
Last 24 Hours										

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: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Seat Occupied	
☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military		☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Pilot Name and Address		Degree of Injury	
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Seat Occupied	
☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military		☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Pilot Name and Address		Degree of Injury	
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Seat Occupied	
☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military		☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ 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 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: _____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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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: _____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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 accident occurred after a successful flight and after all passengers had disembarked from the aircraft. We were on the ground approximately ten minutes before the passengers were directed to leave the basket one at a time and to then put their weight on the basket. No additional heat was added to the envelope and that amount of time should have allowed the envelope to cool enough for the balloon to easily be maneuvered on the ground by those involved without it becoming positively buoyant and lifting them off of the ground.

As I was showing Mrs. Stanaway the maneuvering handles on the basket, both Mr. Stanaway and my daughter took their weight off of the basket at the same time and reached down to grab the maneuvering handles, which allowed the balloon to become positively buoyant and start its momentum up. The momentum was enough to lift all three passengers off of the ground and they were immediately directed to let go of the handles. Mr. Stanaway did not let go; being the only one hanging on to the balloon allowed the balloon's momentum to increase substantially and the ascent proceeded rapidly. The Pilot-In-Command reacted instantly to arrest the ascent and prevented the balloon from rising above 30 ft. On the descent, Mr. Stanaway could not hold on and let go of the handles, dropped to the ground, and became injured. Due to the Pilot-In-Command's quick reaction in preventing the balloon from reaching a deadly height, Mr. Stanaway's life was saved. After he was on the ground, he was reached right away and admitted to the crew chief that it was his fault and that he should have immediately let go.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation