

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: Albion State: NY
 ZIP: 14411 Country: USA
 Latitude: 43-17.786817N Longitude: 078-12.834617W
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/23/2017 Local Time: 19:15
mm/dd/yyyy
 Time Zone: EDT

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N888MG

Manufacturer: Hostein K / Hostein S

Model: Pietenpol

Serial Number: SKH-1

Year of Manufacture: 1972

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1250 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 955 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

- ☐ Amphibian
☐ Emergency Float
☐ Float
☐ Hull

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None

☒ Tailwheel

- ☐ High Skid
☐ Skid
☐ Ski
☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ 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)
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Eng. 2							
Eng. 3							
Eng. 4							

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 09/16/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 900 (estimated) 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: <u>Stephen North</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Rochester</u> State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>14626</u> Country: <u>US</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Registered Owner Name: <u>Earl Luce</u> Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☐ Same Address as Registered Owner City: <u>Brockport</u> State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: _____ Country: <u>US</u>	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ Domestic ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ External Load ☐ Ferry ☐ Firefighting ☐ Flight Test ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Instructional ☐ Other Work Use ☒ Personal ☐ Positioning ☐ Skydiving ☐ Unknown			
AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)			
Airport Name: <u>Gaines Valley Aviation Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>NY06</u> Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>0.1</u> sm Direction From Airport: <u>South</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>380</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>27</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>4000</u> ft Width: <u>90</u> ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Dry ☐ Holes ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Rough ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Soft ☐ Vegetation ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Wet ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Concrete ☐ Dirt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Gravel ☐ Ice ☐ Macadam ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Snow ☐ Water ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☒ Takeoff ☐ Initial Climb ☐ VFR Departure ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Downwind ☐ Base ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Go Around ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ SDF ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ TACAN ☐ PAR ☐ Sidestep ☐ ILS ☐ Localizer Only ☐ LOC-back course ☐ RNAV ☐ MLS ☐ LDA ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ Contact ☐ Circling ☐ Practice ☐ GPS ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Straight-In ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Go Around ☐ Full Stop ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ 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 ☐ 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	

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ 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 ☐ 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	

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: _____ 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
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>NY06</u> City: <u>Albion</u> State: <u>NY</u> Country: <u>US</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>19:15 PM</u> Time Zone: <u>EDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>NY06</u> City: <u>Albion</u> State: <u>NY</u> Country: <u>US</u>	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)

☐ Class A	☐ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)	☐ Special	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl
☐ 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		

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: _____

Observation Time: _____

Time Zone: _____

Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm

Direction from Accident Site: _____ 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

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

_____ ft agl

Ceiling

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

Ceiling Height

_____ ft agl

Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F)**Dew Point:** _____ (C) or _____ (F)**Altimeter Setting:** _____ in. Hg
or _____ MB**Wind Direction**☐ Variable

-or-
Direction: 270 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☒ Light and Variable

-or-
Speed: _____ 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:

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> Substantial damage to both wings and right horizontal stabilizer.		
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 location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.		
The aircraft owner offered me the use of his airplane for a short local sightseeing flight. I had flown the accident aircraft many times previously and was comfortable with its operation. The weather conditions were ideal: clear skies, excellent visibility and light winds favoring the use of runway 27. The preflight inspection, engine start and taxi were all normal. As I reached the end of runway 27 I checked for traffic and swung the plane into position for departure. The run-up checks were all normal including a control check. As I advanced power the aircraft accelerated and the tail rose normally. I maintained runway heading until the aircraft reached liftoff speed. As I raised the nose the aircraft made an abrupt yawing turn to the left which I immediately attempted to correct. Despite apply full right pressure to the rudder bar along with full right aileron the aircraft maintained a strong left turning tendency. I judged that I was moving too fast to set down in the rough field next to the runway without risking cartwheeling upon impact with a possibility of severe personal injury. I continued to climb in order to clear an approaching line of hangars and trees, all the time attempting to counteract the left turn. As I came over the tree line the left wing of the airplane struck some of the top branches and the plane spun to the left and slipped to the ground in a left wing down orientation. The left wing speared into the ground and then the aircraft rotated down onto its gear which then collapsed. I found that except for some minor bruising I was unharmed. I exited the aircraft and walked out of the woods to the runway where I met the aircraft owner. He had gone to summon emergency assistance and was extremely relieved to learn I was unharmed. I was evaluated on the scene by emergency medical personal and judged free of any injury. I went to a local urgent care facility for follow up x-rays which showed no cracked or broken bones.		

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.)

Rudder jammed in left full position for undetermined cause.

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)

10 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

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

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

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

09/18/2017

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/

Earl Luce

Signature: [REDACTED]

-- or --



ly sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: Stephen North, [REDACTED]

Title: Aircraft Owner

Signature: [REDACTED]

-- or --



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Name of Investigator
A. McCarter

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