

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: GROVE LAND State: FL

ZIP: _____ Country: USA

Latitude: N 28.24.35 Longitude: W 81.50.27

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 03-16-21 Local Time: 1400

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: + 5

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N 16MB

Manufacturer: SEMP-HIRTH

Model: MINI-NIMBUS C

Serial Number: 104

Year of Manufacture: 1979

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1102 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 900 lbs

Number of Seats: 1 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

- ☐ 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. 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: 06-2021

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 1 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.: ☐ 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: THOMAS JOHNSONCity: PENSACOLAState: FL ZIP: 32503Fractional 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: SEMINOLE LAKE GLIDERPORTDistance From Airport Center: 0 smAirport Identifier: 6FL0

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 120 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 18 (L/R/C) Length: 3000 ft Width: 200 ft**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

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
- ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
- ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ 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 ☐ 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: THOMAS

City of Residence: PENSACOLA

Middle Initial: J

State: FL

ZIP: 32503

Last Name: JOHNSON

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 60 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 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

03-20-21
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

GLASSES FOR NEAR/INTERMEDIATE VISION

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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

07-2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: BOEING
Model: B-767-300

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

BAE-ATP
B-757/B-767

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	14800	248						-	1135	-
Pilot in Command (PIC)	10100	248						-	1118	-
Time as Instructor	580	-						-	580	-
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	200	12						-	16	-
Last 30 Days	30	11						-	11	-
Last 24 Hours	4.5	4.5						-	4.5	-

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>6 FL Ø</u> City: <u>GROVELAND</u> State: <u>FL</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1400</u> Time Zone: <u>+5</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>6 FL Ø</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 ☐ VFR	☐ Special VFR ☐ IFR	☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR On Top	☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Cruise ☐ Unknown / NA
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ 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: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true
☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown	

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
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>5000</u> ft agl	Ceiling Height _____ ft agl
Wind Direction ☐ Variable - or - Direction: <u>180</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable - or - Speed: <u>10</u> kts
Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>2000</u> ft

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 ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Ice Crystals	☒ 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
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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 (Use additional sheet if necessary)

AIRCRAFT 16MG COCKPIT DESTROYED, RIGHT WING SHATTERED
CANOPY SHATTERED,

PICK-UP TRUCK - LARGE DENT ON RIGHT SIDE
RUNNING BOARD DAMAGED

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.

AS A CONTESTANT IN THE 2021 SENIORS SOARING CHAMPIONSHIP, I WAS READY FOR TAKE-OFF NEAR THE END OF THE GRID LAUNCH CYCLE. ABOUT 40 GLIDERS HAD LAUNCHED BEFORE ME. MY LEFT WINGTIP WAS ABOUT A FOOT OFF OF THE EAST ACCESS ROAD. MY SAILPLANE WAS POINTING SLIGHTLY WEST OF THE RUNWAY CENTERLINE. AS THE LAUNCH CREW HOOKED ME UP, I AGAIN COMPLETED MY PREFLIGHT CHECKLIST AND ROUTINE. THE ROPE CAME TAUT AND THE TOWPLANE BEGAN TO ROLL. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE AIRCRAFT YAWED TO THE LEFT AS THE LEFT WING DROPPED TO THE GROUND. I FOUND MYSELF BEGINNING TO CROSS THE ACCESS ROAD. I GRABBED THE RELEASE, BUT MY HAND SLIPPED OFF. THE AIRCRAFT WAS ACCELERATING RAPIDLY NOW. I RELEASED FROM THE TOW ROPE. I WAS DESPERATELY TRYING TO TURN AND STOP. IT WAS THEN THAT I SAW THE PICK-UP TRUCK. IT WAS PARKED WHERE THE CONTEST ORGANIZERS HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED US NOT TO. I REALIZED I WAS GOING TO HIT THE TRUCK. PEOPLE AT THE SCENE TOOK CARE OF ME UNTIL THE EMS HELICOPTER ARRIVED. MY SAILPLANE WAS DESTROYED AND I SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURY TO MY RIGHT LEG.

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)

_____ 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

05-26-2021

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: THOMAS JOHNSON

Signature: [REDACTED]

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.

ERA21LA156

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

ERA

Name of Investigator

Brazy

Date Report Received

5/26/21