

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: Chattanooga Municipal Airport State: TN
ZIP: 37421 Country: United States
Latitude: N 35.04 Longitude: W85.10
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 09/13/2022 Local Time: 11:32
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: Eastern

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N388TC

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 172 Taildragger Conventional Gear

Serial Number: 29601

Year of Manufacture: 1957

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 2200 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1950 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 (total) Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

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
- ☐ 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/Serial	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)
Eng. 1	<u>FRANKLIN</u>	<u>6A-335B1</u>	<u>55069</u>	<u>09/23/1968</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>2287</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>550</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 09/28/2021

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 3489 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: Handheld Halon
NOT used

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
- ☐ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: McCauley

Model: 2A34-C201

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
- ☐ Controllable Pitch
- ☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: AmeriKing

Model or Part No.: AK-450

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: Joel Andrew DopsonCity: OoltewahState: TNZIP: 37363Fractional 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: Chattanooga Municipal AirportAirport Identifier: KCHAProximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AIt Landed on airport property, but off runway 20 outside fenceDistance From Airport Center: 1 smDirection From Airport: 230 degrees trueAirport Elevation: 683 ft. msl**Runway Information (departed from Runway 20/grass)**Runway ID: 20 (L/R/C) Length: 7400 ft Width: 150 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
☐ 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: Joel

City of Residence: Ooltewah

Middle Initial: A

State: TN

ZIP: 37363

Last Name: Dopson

Country: United States

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 48 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

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

04/11/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations NONE

Medical Certificate Special Issuance NONE

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

05/15/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Airbus
Model: A-320

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

Type Ratings

Boeing B-737, Airbus A-320

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	5407.1	837.1	1998.8	3404.3	595.7	553.2	114.3	0	4	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2186.6	674.4	1760.7	425.9	248.6	276.5	13.5	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	340.9	93.8	340.9	0	39.4	18.5	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					67.9	41.8	25.6			
Last 90 Days	126.5	43.0	43.0	83.5	14.1	5.8	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	27.3	4.8	4.8	22.5	3.5	1.4	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 ☐ 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: _____ 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 ☐ 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: _____ 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: <u>TYLER</u> City: <u>KINGSDALE</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>GA</u> ZIP: <u>30736</u> Last Name: <u>MELONEY</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ 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>KCHA</u> City: <u>Chattanooga</u> State: <u>TN</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>11:31</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KCHA</u> City: <u>Chattanooga</u> State: <u>TN</u> Country: <u>USA</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 ☐ 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			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>1,033</u> ft msl

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: <u>KCHA</u> Observation Time: <u>~0930L</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>1</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>230-050°</u> degrees true
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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 <u>72</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>55</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>~30.13</u> in. Hg or _____ MB	

Wind Direction ☒ Variable - or - Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable - or - Speed: _____ kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>>5</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>900</u> ft
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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
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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:
None affecting flight.

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)

No other property damage. Aircraft sustained damage to: lower and upper cowlings, propeller, exhaust system, intake system, right and left wings, fuselage, left main landing gear. Engine internal damage unknown.

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.

The subject flight was initiated from KFGU Collegedale Municipal Airport and departed Runway 3 at 0938L on September 13, 2022. The flight was conducted in a 1957 Cessna 172 that had been converted into a tailwheel/conventional landing gear configuration and has oversized thirty-one-inch tundra tires installed on the main landing gear. The purpose of the flight was to fly with a friend, Tyler Meroney, and explore fishing opportunities at off-airport locations adjacent to creeks. The first landing location was planned and occurred at a remote off-airport grass creek bed area where I and others have previously landed, which is located approximately 20 nm southwest of KCHA. Prior to landing, I flew a high overhead observer pattern to inspect the general landing area. Additionally, two low approaches were conducted to assess winds, landing area, landing surface conditions, etc. During the landing, the right main landing gear tire contacted a small unknown object that was not observed during the survey of the landing area. Upon landing rollout, the right main tire appeared to be losing pressure. No other abnormalities to the aircraft were detected. With the decreasing tire pressure and a few moments to make a decision, I considered the uncertainty of access to the location, unknown cellular service for rescue/assistance, and a potential survival situation, and I decided to depart the area. Takeoff and departure from the location were normal. During flight, I began reducing fuel load to lessen aircraft weight and mitigate possible post-landing fire potential. I contacted by cell phone 4 people and discussed courses of action for landing with a low or deflated right main tire. The first individual contacted owns a grass strip near Collegedale airport, but it was deemed to be less than optimal for landing given the aircraft's condition. The second person contacted owns and operates a very similar aircraft with the same tires, and the owner had recently experienced a blowout of one of his tires during operations. I discussed with him at length the aircraft condition and its effect on aircraft control upon landing. We determined that landing on grass, rather than pavement, would be the best landing option. The third person contacted owns a hangar and business at KCHA and provided further information regarding emergency support at KCHA. The final person contacted was located at KRZR for the purposes of conducting practice approaches there before flying to KCHA for the intended final/emergency landing. Before flying to KRZR, I flew toward and intended to practice approaches at Chilhowee, but glider operations precluded such action. I flew to KRZR and conducted a roll-on style practice pattern approach and touchdown to determine handling characteristics of the aircraft on both pavement and grass adjacent to the runway - with permission / supervision of KRZR personnel. I then departed KRZR to KCHA, obtained ATIS information, and contacted Chattanooga Approach Control where an emergency was declared. After handoff to CHA tower, I informed tower controllers of the plan to conduct multiple approaches/touchdowns in grass areas adjacent to the active runway 20 in order to determine the best location to conduct the full stop landing. The first area to attempt practice landing was between taxiway C and taxiway E along an imaginary/extended taxiway A on the east side of Runway 20. This area felt rough, had high grass, and had numerous birds which were flushed during the 2 approaches at that location. The second area was a grassy infield between taxiway F and taxiway G on the east side adjacent to the departure end of Runway 20. This area was recently mowed, was adequately long, and wide - and was mostly smooth with minimal obstacles/hazards. I made two touchdown passes over this area to assess the turf and aircraft handling before attempting a final full stop landing. After the second pattern/touchdown at this planned/final touchdown location, and during climb out at approximately 350' AGL and 65mph, the engine lost power, recovered for 1-2 seconds, then lost power again. I made the determination that the area ahead was unsuitable for landing and turned to the right and back toward an open grass area for a more suitable landing location. The approximate time from power loss to touchdown was 10-15 seconds. During that time, I reduced climb, reduced AOA, began glide/decent, turned 135 degrees and began to arrest the descent rate as the aircraft contacted the ground in uneven terrain outside the airport fence. As the aircraft came to rest, I directed immediate egress from the aircraft, and the passenger and I egressed uneventfully. No injuries were sustained. The aircraft suffered damage to the right wing, left wing, left main landing gear, propeller, and cowlings area and came to rest with the right wing tip high and the left wing tip in a depression dip/ditch on the ground. Approximately one hour after landing, the right tank gauge indicated approximately 3-4 gallons of fuel and approximately 4-5 gallons in the left wing. Fuel leakage from the left wing had occurred after landing.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Due to the incomplete investigation and unknown engine power loss determination - The only known means to prevent this accident would be to remain on the ground when it was determined that the right tire was leaking pressure at the remote off-airport location. However, due to the remote location, uncertainty of access, uncertainty of rescue/assistance, unknown isolation characteristics, unknown cellular service/communication capability, possible survival situation and the minimal perceived time to make a decision; it was difficult to consider all possible outcomes and risks, hazards, etc.

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.)

The cause of engine power loss is yet to be determined. No known mechanical failure has been found. Additionally, the following items were checked and found to be operating normally: magnetos, magneto wires, timing, spark plugs, usable fuel was available in both wing tanks, fuel in the: lines to gascolator, gascolator itself, gascolator-to-carburetor, and carburetor.

Total Time/Cycles On Part

550 _____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

550 _____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

9 at CHA _____ 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**

Note: Fuel departing KFGU Collegedale Airport was approximately 25 gallons. Fuel departing CHA from last takeoff (15 seconds prior to power loss) was approximately 9 gallons.

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

Both occupants (2) exited via left aircraft door.

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.

N/A

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**

09/29/22

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Joel A. Dopson**Signature:** -- 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**FOR NTSB USE ONLY****NTSB Accident/Incident No.**

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