

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: WETUMPKA State: AL
 ZIP: 36093 Country: USA
 Latitude: 32°28'07.3"N Longitude: 86°11'24.6"W
 (Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/03/2023 Local Time: 1328
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: UTC-5

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☐ N

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N3HH
 Manufacturer: LONG CHARLES JACKSON, AVID FLYER
 Model: MK IV
 Serial Number: 1066D
 Year of Manufacture: 1993
 Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: AVID FLYER MK IV

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1150 lbs
 Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 755 lbs
 Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1
 Cabin Crew Seats: 0 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 ☐ Restricted
☐ Aerobatic ☐ Limited
☐ Balloon ☐ Provisional
☐ Commuter ☐ Special Flight
☐ Transport ☐ Experimental
☐ Utility ☐ 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	ROTAX	582 UL Mod. 99	4015313		65	164	29.4	164
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type
☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown
 Date Last Inspection: 03/10/2023
 mm/dd/yyyy
 Airframe Total Time: 225.3 hrs
 hours measured at (Select one)
☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: WARP DRIVE
 Model: 72' THREE-BLADE

Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: _____
 Model: _____

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: _____

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: TYLER A HODGEFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCity: PRATTVILLEState: ALZIP: 36067Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered OwnerName: TYLER A HODGEDoing Business As: PERSONALAir Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): N/A☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerCity: PRATTVILLEState: ALZIP: 36067Country: USA**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: N/A

Airport Identifier: _____

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

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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 ☐ 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: TYLER

City of Residence: PRATTVILLE

Middle Initial: A

State: AL ZIP: 36087

Last Name: HODGE

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 32 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		Restraint Type <table border="0"> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ 3-point</td> <td>☒ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>		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	
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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 <u>06/13/2019</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>															

Medical Certificate Limitations

NONE

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

NONE

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

02/14/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: AVID FLYER

Model: MK IV

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	
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Tailwheel 06/18/2021

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	173	106	173		5					
Pilot in Command (PIC)		106			5					
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	27	27	27							
Last 30 Days	8	8	8							
Last 24 Hours	5	5	5							

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ 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

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

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

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
☐ 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

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 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: <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Available</th> <th style="width:50%;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap Only</td> <td>☐ Lap Only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	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
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs															

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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	<table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Available</th> <th style="width:50%;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap Only</td> <td>☐ Lap Only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	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	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>16J</u> City: <u>DAWSON</u> State: <u>GEORGIA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1249</u> Time Zone: <u>UTC-4</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>08A</u> City: <u>WETUMPKA</u> State: <u>ALABAMA</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>1400</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: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ 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 <u>4000</u> ft agl	Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☒ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height <u>4000</u> ft agl
Wind Direction ☒ Variable -or- Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: _____ kts
Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB
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	Visibility _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft

Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ 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)

- MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
- 4 BENT LONGERONS ON BOTTOM OF FUSELAGE
- BEND IN VERTICAL STABILIZER

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 incident happened on the 4th flight of the day and after 5 cumulative hours in the air that day. I was 6 nm from my destination airport O8A. My plan was to re-base my Avid MK IV from FD77 in Wimauma, Florida to O8A in Wetumpka, Alabama because I am currently in the process of moving to Prattville, which is nearby.

On August 3rd at 0615 at FD77 (Wimauma Air Park), I fueled the plane (N3HH) until the fuel reached the cap and the sight tube indicated full. The single wing tank holds 15 gallons and the airplane burns 4.5 gallons per hour under normal circumstances.

At 0636 I took off from FD77 for a 1 hour and 26 minute flight to X60 (Williston Municipal) and arrived at 0802. In Williston, I fueled the plane until fuel reached the top the tank.

At 0841 I took off from X60 for a 1 hour and 17 minute flight toward KVLD (Valdosta Regional) and arrived at 0958.

The FBO Fuel truck filled my tank and the plane accepted 10 gallons. I thought this was notable, because it should've only taken 7 or so gallons. The difference could have been that the attendant fueled it very slowly. My thought at the time was that I had just fueled the tank too fast in the first two fill ups, causing the fuel to overflow the cap before it had a chance to settle into the other chambers of the tank.

At 1058 I took off from KVLD for a 1 hour and 11 minute flight to J16 (Dawson Municipal) and arrived at 1209.

In Dawson, the fuel pump station appeared to only have a manual option for gallons or dollars instead of just filling up, so I put in 6 gallons after calculating a burn rate of 4.5 gallons per hour at 5800 rpm the previous trip should have burnt 5.3 gallons. The tank accepted 6 gallons and the fuel sight gauge indicated full. I sumped the fuel afterwards to check for water. The fuel was clean and I dumped it back in the tank. The airport manager (Anne) was outside talking with me as I was checking the plane for pre-flight, she pointed out that she doesn't pour her sumped fuel back in. I explained, if it had water I wouldn't have, but this was clean fuel so I didn't want to waste it. Other than a few normal drips after sumping, the valve did not noticeably leak after performing this fuel sump check.

At 1249 UTC-4, I took off from J16 for a 1 hr and 28 minute flight to O8A (Wetumpka Municipal). After encountering the initial forming of afternoon clouds, I was traveling slower than planned.

Slightly behind schedule at 1 hr and 34 minutes into the flight, and only 6 nautical miles from my destination of O8A, the engine began to miss fire. I examined the fuel sight tube, and the clear fuel filter under the panel. The tube was completely empty and the clear filter was intermittently gushing fuel. I toggled on the backup electrical fuel pump, which is primarily used during takeoff and landing. This did not change any indications. Previous site tube readings indicated normal with some fluctuations, although the site tube is not always precise at cruise speed. At the time I should have only burned 7.2 gallons. I noted a potential landing site to my right and continued scanning for the best place to land if necessary.

Seconds later, the engine stopped. At this point, I pitched for best glide speed and could not locate the previously spotted potential landing location. I made a right 180 while scanning the ground, only seeing narrow roads with overgrown trees, power lines, a busy highway, fields with deep standing water, a small strip of asphalt that would've required too risky of a 180 to commit to. Then I spotted a roughly 500 ft patch of land near the highway with a small gravel road free of power lines and I could make the landing without ending up in trees.

On the way down I maintained my airspeed to prevent stalling, but I lost more altitude than expected and had to land slightly to the right of the gravel road which was rough ground with large bumps that collapsed the main gear and put the nose into the ground, flipping the plane forward and coming to a stop upside down in a ditch filled with vegetation.
Continued below..

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Install a panel mounted fuel gauge with a sensor inside the fuel tank for more accurate and reliable fuel readings as well as better visibility for regular fuel level checks.

My assumption is that the cause of the fuel tank being empty long before expected was due to a leaking fuel sump valve. My future pre-flight inspection will now incorporate drying the sump valve and verifying it remains dry after checking the fuel at each fill up.

I will now carry a fuel dip stick as well to alleviate any doubt in the fuel level after fueling.

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.)

Suspected - CURTIS PIPE THREAD DRAIN VALVE - CCA-1550

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

154 Hours

N/A Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

15 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87

☐ 100 Low Lead

☐ 100/130

☐ 115/145

☐ Jet A

☐ Jet A-1

☐ Jet B

☐ JP8

☐ Automotive

☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

N/A

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

Unbuckled, opened door, and exited the airplane.

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

☐ Substantial

☐ Minor

☐ 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.

was buckled fairly tight using a three point standard seat belt which held me securely into place and prevented me from hitting my panel.

After coming to a stop, upside down, I release my buckle, lowered myself down and crawled out. There were already people standing at the top of the ditch who witnessed the incident calling 911. Emergency services and the Wetumpka Airport manager and city official arrived in minutes. The FAA called looking for my plane because I had a filed plan, and emergency services also took initial reports from me. EMS checked me for injuries. My vitals were normal and I only had bruising on my shins. I declined ambulance services and helped the fire department load the plane onto the wrecker. Later that night I went to an ER for a precautionary CT scan to check for concussion but the scan was normal.

While at the site of the incident and before moving the plane, I noticed what seemed to be residue from a stream of fuel that had been coming from the fuel sump on the wing tank during the flight. Pre-mixed 2 cycle oil in the fuel leaves behind a blue oily residue. I took a photo and later sent it to the NTSB contact (Adam) who had reached out and asked for photos and details.

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

Date of this Report

08/16/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Tyler A Hodge

Signature: _____

-- or --

☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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