

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: Athens State: TN
 ZIP: 37303 Country: USA
 Latitude: 35:26:53:N Longitude: 84:36:7:W
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 07/06/2015 Local Time: 2:19PM
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: eastern

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N234CF

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 182T

Serial Number: 18281076

Year of Manufacture: 2002

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 3110 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: est.2840 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 3

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

☐ Tailwheel

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

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None

☐ 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/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time <i>(hours)</i>	Time Since: Inspection <i>(hours)</i>	Overhaul <i>(hours)</i>
Eng. 1	Textron Lycoming	10-540-AB1A5	6-28228-48A	08/01/2011	235	2962.6	38.8	1473.6
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 06/17/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 2923.8 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

Propeller 1

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

Manufacturer: McCauley

Model: B3D36C431-C

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Pointer

Model or Part No.: 3000-11

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

Propeller 2

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

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

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: Collins Aviation LLCCity: HixsonState: TNZIP: 37343-2859Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Crystal Air, Inc.City: Chattanooga

Doing Business As: _____

State: TNZIP: 37424

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: 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: McMinn County AirportDistance From Airport Center: less than 1 smAirport Identifier: MMIDirection From Airport: on taxiway to Runway 4 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 874 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 2/20 (L/R/C) Length: 6450 ft Width: 100 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: Robert

City of Residence: Athens

Middle Initial: E.

State: TN

ZIP: 37303

Last Name: Bledsoe, Jr

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 59

Date of Birth: 1956 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

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

09/25/2013
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

must have available glasses for near vision

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:
10/13/2014
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Cessna

Model: 172

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

endorsement for Pilot in command--High performance airplane 14 CFR 61.31(f) by Martin Galyon on 12/07/2014

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	110.1	20.4	110.1	0	5.9	0	0	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	60.0	19.4	60.0	0	2.6	0	0	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					1.2	0	0			
Last 90 Days	11.0	11.0	11.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

"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	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

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

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

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

Crew Name and Address		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student	☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown
☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer	☐ US Military ☐ Foreign		☐ 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: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student	☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown
☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer	☐ US Military ☐ Foreign		☐ 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>Tracy</u> City: <u>Athens</u> Middle Initial: <u>A</u> State: <u>TN</u> ZIP: <u>37303</u> Last Name: <u>Gartman</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☒ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>1</u>	☒ 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: <u>Noah</u> City: <u>Athens</u> Middle Initial: <u>B</u> State: <u>TN</u> ZIP: <u>37303</u> Last Name: <u>Graybeal</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☒ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☒ 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: <u>Wesley</u> City: <u>Athens</u> Middle Initial: <u>J</u> State: <u>TN</u> ZIP: <u>37303</u> Last Name: <u>Graybeal</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☒ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☒ 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

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION									
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>RZR</u> City: <u>Cleveland</u> State: <u>TN</u> Country: <u>USA</u>			Time of Departure Time: <u>1:45PM</u> Time Zone: <u>eastern</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>MMI</u> City: <u>Athens</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	
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ 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) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown								Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE									
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown					Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>AWOS at MMI</u> Observation Time: <u>about 2:15PM</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>less than 1</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>n/a</u> degrees true				
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown			Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown						
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☒ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown			Ceiling ☐ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☒ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown			Temperature: <u>unsure</u> (C) or <u>unsure</u> (F) Dew Point: <u>unsure</u> (C) or <u>unsure</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.17</u> in. Hg or _____ MB			
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>appx 3000</u> ft agl			Ceiling Height <u>appx 3500</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		Visibility <u>>10</u> miles RVR: <u>>6000</u> feet RVV: <u>?</u> miles Density Altitude: <u>unsure</u> ft			
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown			Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle				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		
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☒ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown			Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☒ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown			Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☒ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme			
NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: none Known									

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)

Right main gear/whell essentially separated from the fuselage.

Right side fuselage "skin" known to have "rippled."

Floorboard behind front seat significantly damaged/partly gone and fuel leaked from just in front of the opening in the floor—gushing rearward.

Sinkhole in taxiway.

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.

On the afternoon of July 6, 2015, the weather was VFR with unlimited visibility and broken clouds at about 3500. I had pre-flighted the plane, Cessna 182 N234CF, at the home base of RZR (Cleveland Regional Jetport) and measured about 25 gallons in the left tank and about 32 gallons in the right tank with the pipette—essentially confirming what the fuel gauges said at takeoff. I flew to MMI (McMinn County Airport) without incident, had a smooth landing on Runway 20, and taxied to the FBO from the south end (the end of runway 2) and turned off the plane. My wife, Patricia Bledsoe, and I got out. I then assisted my friend, Mrs. Tracy Gartmann, and her two sons Noah (age 11) and Wesley (age 9) into the plane—securing them each in their seatbelts and shoulder harnesses. Mrs. Gartmann was in the front right seat. My wife to wait at the FBO while we did some sight-seeing. At approximately 2:17PM I announced and taxied at an abnormal "jogging" pace down the northbound taxiway to Runway 20. The wind was minimal at the surface, allowing an easy taxi. At what I would estimate to be 500-600 yards from the run-up end of the taxiway I noticed a black spot about 4-5 feet in diameter to the right of the yellow line on the taxiway. I estimate I saw it when about 50 yards from it. My instantaneous assumption was that it was oil or a new patch of asphalt. I gently began a slight left veer, but still had the right main gear on the right side of the yellow line. Some reddish brown holes in the grass to the left of the taxiway caught my eye, quickly realizing they were sinkholes. At that instant the plane suddenly dropped hard with the bottom of the plane hitting the pavement. Just as quickly the plane popped back up. I instinctively hit the brakes, and the nose of the plane swerved to the right (at what was proved to be a 90 degree angle to the axis of the taxiway) and stopped on the taxiway. I immediately pulled out the fuel mixture valve to turn off the engine, and turned the fuel selector valve to the "OFF" position. Then I turned off the avionics, the master switch, and the ignition. Mrs. Gartmann and I recognized the smell of fuel and rapidly began to get out of the left (now slightly upper) door and to get the boys out of the back seats. As I was getting them out, I saw through the floor of the plane and saw fuel splashing onto the asphalt. We were all out of the plane and rapidly moving away within one minute. It was apparent the right main gear had fallen into a sinkhole, then broken off as we hit the other side of the hole and popped back up. The sinkhole (the previously noted black spot on the right side of the taxiway) was now bigger—reaching all the way to the yellow line. There was no propeller strike on the ground. I estimated that 5 gallons of fuel spilled from under the plane before it stopped. The incident had been witnessed from way back down the taxiway by a man, who then apparently notified Nathan in the FBO, and came on his motor scooter to check on us. (I did not get his name.) I tried to call the McMinn FBO at 2:20PM, but got no answer, as Nathan was already on his way to the scene. I notified Bryan Janisch at the RZR FBO at 2:21PM. Nathan came and did a quick assessment, then took Mrs. Gartmann and her sons back to the FBO in the golfcart. None of us had any apparent injuries. Noah had bumped a knee a bit, but was walking normally and denied any real pain. The next person to arrive was the mechanic from the airport, who had been alerted to the event by the ELT signal. He reached through the small door on the left side of the plane and turned it off.

There were eight sinkholes to the left side of the taxiway. The county mayor, John Gentry, arrived and told me "they had known of two" before the week of hard daily rain, and that the state engineer was already scheduled to come at 9:00AM the next day to help evaluate the situation. One of the larger holes had exposed cable from the taxiway lights, and another had previously been "repaired" with rock, dirt, and a fabric, which was now visible.

After the plane hit the hole, we estimated it to be 9-10 feet across and 7-8 feet deep. Over the next two hours more dirt continued to fall from under the surrounding asphalt, largely covering the wheel cover that had been largely visible immediately after the accident. Christy Cox, the Manager of the McMinn County Airport, arrived sometime around 5:00PM. I was told I could leave after I had spoken with Mr. Janisch (who was now at the scene) and by phone with Mr. Taylor Newman, the Director of Operations of Crystal Air, Inc., from whom I had rented the plane in Cleveland, TN, that day.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

possibly by having someone survey the grounds and runway and taxiway after any large rains, as this area of Tennessee is notorious for sinkholes. I do know, however, that they often are not known until "found the hard way" as when a roadway caves in under the weight of a vehicle.

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)

estimated 57 gallons _____ 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

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

all occupants egressed via the left 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.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**07/13/2015*mm/dd/yyyy***Name of Pilot/Operator:** Robert E. Bledsoe, Jr.**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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