

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: New Market Airport State: VA

ZIP: _____ Country: Shenandoah

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: April 9 Local Time: ~ 3:30 PM
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Eastern

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N5690L

Manufacturer: Grumman American

Model: AA-1

Serial Number: 090

Year of Manufacture: 1969

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1500 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: Unknown lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 1

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☒ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable
☒ Tricycle ☐ 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)	Inspection (hours)	Time Since: Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>O-235</u>	<u>L9589-15</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>~2100</u>	<u>~10</u>	<u>~1100</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 12-1-16
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: ~2080 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: McCaulley

Model: 1A105 SCM7154

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Unknown

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☒ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☒ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Robert S. Sholtz</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Port Orange</u> State: <u>Fla</u> ZIP: <u>32127</u> Country: <u>Volusia</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☒ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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	
AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)			
Airport Name: <u>New Market</u> Airport Identifier: <u>8W2</u> Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>2.3</u> sm Direction From Airport: <u>0</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>2960</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>24</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>22900</u> ft Width: <u>250</u> ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown		Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Contact ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Circling ☐ RNAV ☐ Unknown			
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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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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	
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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)*

Wings destroyed; Engine displaced; Canopy destroyed; Panel bent

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.

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)

22

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 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

Near normal exit with EMT assistance

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

4/29/17

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Robert S. Sholes

Signature: [Redacted]

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or --

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.

GAA17CA241

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

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Name of Investigator

Kathryn Benhoff

Date Report Received

5/9/2017

Robert S. Sholtes, PhD, PE

Port Orange, FL 32127

From summer quarters; [REDACTED] **Harrisonburg, VA
22801**

Statement Re N5690L Incident

Pre-Incident Data

I obtained my private license (single engine land) in 1969. Through subsequent years accumulated an estimated 5000 hrs as pilot in command, including those in recent years. In the past I have owned and flown four aircraft of the Grumman series (N9458L, N9416L and N6418L), like N5690L, accumulating about 850 hrs therein. The subject aircraft was delivered to me Dec 3, 2016 at the New Market airport. As an adjunct to the pre-purchase inspection I had a new annual inspection completed prior to this delivery. There have been no maintenance problems during my short ownership. Since delivery I have flown it 9.5 hr with 16 landings. Since resuming sport flying in Aug 2012 at New Market in the Light Sport Category I have flown 160 hr with some 482 landings. It is difficult to say how many of these were on the runway in question at New Market, but it certainly would approach something like 40% as this is the dominant runway and all of this time was local.

The April 9 Incident

The flight of this date was intended to accomplish an accurate measure of fuel consumption at cruise conditions. The fuel tanks were carefully topped and departure made on runway 24 with no unusual wind condition. My last notation when back over the New Market downtown was a total flying time of one hour forty five minutes..I proceeded from the downtown area to a left downwind leg, followed by normal base and turn to final, calling on 122.8 at each. On final the sun was directly in my eyes and presented an annoyance as is often the case at this time of day. I was holding an airspeed of 80 statute when unexpectedly the stall warning briefly sounded, which I thought crazy but nevertheless added some power. Immediately thereafter I looked up and tree branches were off my right wing. I collided with these and immediately went into a flat spin clockwise. Bearing in mind that the time period between tree impact and ground impact had to have been of some three seconds; I have a clear memory of the spin and feeling at one point to have been upside down, along with the certainty that I would not survive the event. Immediately after ground impact, I was quite conscious and began movement to exit the now upright plane headed in the opposite direction, as if landing on runway six. Fortunately some medics were part of the parachute activity on the field and they quickly arrived to assist me out and walk to medical transport. I have been informed that the Navajo jump plane landed minutes ahead of me and experienced severe wind shear on final, having to apply considerable power to be successful. Others have assured me that the winds had shifted to present crosswind from left to right. These things seem to fit, but do not change the result.

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On April 18 I met with representatives of the FAA at which time I surrendered my pilot license, voluntarily ending my flying. In an act of further concluding my flying activities, my pilot log was discarded, so data is no longer available from that source.