

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: waterloo State: IL

ZIP: 62298 Country: US

Latitude: 38.29 Longitude: -90.23

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 05/07/2017 Local Time: 2:50pm

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Central

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: 993YC

Manufacturer: Bell Helicopter Textron

Model: OH-58A+

Serial Number: 71-20367

Year of Manufacture: 1971

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 2114 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1864 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: _____

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/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 03/15/2017

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 4580.7 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☐ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☐ Specify: _____

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ 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>Sam Klinkenborg</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No		City: <u>Parkersburg</u> State: <u>IA</u> ZIP: <u>50665</u> Country: <u>US</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: <u>Klinkenborg aerial spraying and seeding</u> 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 ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 135 ☒ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ 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 ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ Domestic ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☒ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ External Load ☐ Ferry ☐ Firefighting ☐ Flight Test ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Instructional ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Personal ☐ Positioning ☐ Skydiving ☐ Unknown	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☐ No	Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☐ No		
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: _____ 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		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Dry ☐ Holes ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Rough ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Soft ☐ Vegetation ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Wet ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Concrete ☐ Dirt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Gravel ☐ Ice ☐ Macadam ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Snow ☐ Water ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Taxi ☐ Takeoff ☐ Initial Climb ☐ VFR Departure ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Downwind ☐ Base ☐ Final ☐ Crosswind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Go Around ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ SDF ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ VOR/DME ☐ TACAN ☐ PAR ☐ Sidestep ☐ ILS ☐ Localizer Only ☐ LOC-back course ☐ RNAV ☐ MLS ☐ LDA ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ Contact ☐ Circling ☐ Practice ☐ GPS ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Straight-In ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Go Around ☐ Full Stop ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Touch and Go ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ Unknown	

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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION					
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>Heitman aerod</u> City: <u>Waterloo</u> State: <u>IL</u> Country: <u>US</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>630am</u> Time Zone: <u>Central</u>		Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	
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 ☐ 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 B ☐ Class C ☐ Class D ☐ Class E ☒ Class G ☐ Demo Area ☐ Warning Area ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Restricted Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown					
					Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>7</u> 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: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night			
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown		Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>70</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB	
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling Height _____ ft agl			
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>WNW</u> degrees true		Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>8</u> kts		Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	
Visibility <u>Clear</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ 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 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) ☐ None ☐ Light ☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe ☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme	
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☒ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

Aircraft rolled several times, total loss. Damage to wheat Crop, Ground and power line.

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.

Date 05/07/2017

Time of accident 2:50 PM

Location Latitude 38.29 Longitude -90.23

Aircraft OH-58A+ Rotorcraft Helicopter

Terrain flat with some hills, many trees, Wheat Crop,

I arrived to the fields early and proceeded to do my re con of the fields to check for obstructions. I saw many fields with wires in them and was going to turn down 3 fields due to, too many wires in one spot, homes really close to the fields and small ponds. When I was done I landed at latitude 38.29 and Longitude -90.23, which is at the west end of DB road and waited for Kyle my loader. He showed up 5 minutes after I landed. Once he was ready I picked up and landed on the truck to get fuel and chemical. I departed from the truck heading south then I made a right turn to the west. I then made another turn to the north and then east to set up for my A – B line in the field. These are lines on the computer screen not in the field that allows me to get complete coverage of the field. Once I was set up I began to follow the straight edge of the north side of the field. There were trees that over hung into the road and into the field that I was working in. I was looking at the trees to make sure I would not hit them with the rotor blades and have enough clearance which I did. I then looked forward and heard a high pitch sound that came from the engine and I could hear the main rotor slow down and rpm decaying. I then felt the nose of the helicopter come up so I leveled and then hit the ground. I remember hitting the ground level then I think I started to roll and came to a rest on the right side, I then shut down the engine and exited through the front windscreen unharmed just minor cuts/scratches.

I saw the wires during my re con earlier, but unfortunately I forgot that they were there and ran into them. The wires were not visible since they blended into the trees and there were no poles to make the assumption that there were wires there.

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

23 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

65 gallons of chemical

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

Through the front windscreen after shutdown of engine.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

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

Date of this Report

05/10/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Sam Schuch

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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Name of Investigator

Kathryn Benhoff

Date Report Received

5/11/2017