

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: Ellington State: CT

ZIP: 06029 Country: USA

Latitude: 41-55-31.5000 N Longitude: 072-27-25.6000 W

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 06/01/2017 Local Time: 1345
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: EDST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N6193B

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 182A

Serial Number: 34193

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: 2950 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2820 lbs

Number of Seats: 1 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 0

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)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Continental	O-470-R	1001158	11/06/2009	230	1420.3	52.3	1420.3
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 07/27/2016
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 12792.5 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: McCauley

Model: 2A34C203-C SN: 022712

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Ameri-King Corp.

Model or Part No.: AK-450

TSO No.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☒ OC91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ OC126 (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: Connecticut Parachutists, Inc.City: EllingtonState: CTZIP: 06029Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Brian Alan KnightCity: TollandDoing Business As: Jump Pilot/skydiving operationsState: CTZIP: 06084

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: Ellington AirportDistance From Airport Center: 0.17 smAirport Identifier: 7B9Direction From Airport: 176 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 253 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 19 (L/R/C) Length: 1801 ft Width: 50 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 ☐ 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” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

“Flight Crewmember 1” was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

First Name: **Brian**

City of Residence: Tolland

Middle Initial: A

State: CT ZIP: 06084

Last Name: Knight

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 65 Date of Birth: 1952 *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) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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>01/12/2017</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>

Must wear corrective lenses, possess glasses for near/intermediate vision. Not valid for any class after 01/31/2018.

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including**

09/22/2016

mm/dd/yyyy

Make: Piper

Model: PA28-RT201

Airplane Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift	☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

Flight Time <i>(Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)</i>	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	944	14	944		225	4	29			
Pilot in Command (PIC)	832	14	832		215	4	29			
Time as Instructor	0	0	0							
This Make/Model					0	0	0			
Last 90 Days	39	14	39		8	0	0			
Last 30 Days	16	0	16		4	0	0			
Last 24 Hours	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 <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">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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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) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift </td> <td> ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport </td> </tr> </table>	☐ 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)*

Flight Time <i>(Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)</i>	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 ☐ 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	
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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
First Name: <u>Robert</u> City : <u>East Windsor</u> Middle Initial: <u>E</u> State: <u>CT</u> ZIP: <u>06088</u> Last Name: <u>Smith</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>Eric</u> City : <u>Ellington</u> Middle Initial: <u>R</u> State: <u>CT</u> ZIP: <u>06029</u> Last Name: <u>Boucher</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>Danielle</u> City : <u>Newtown</u> Middle Initial: <u>E</u> State: <u>CT</u> ZIP: <u>06470</u> Last Name: <u>Borges</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
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>7B9</u> City: <u>Ellington</u> State: <u>CT</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1345</u> Time Zone: <u>EDST</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>7B9</u> City: <u>Ellington</u> State: <u>CT</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)			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl
☐ 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	

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)	Weather Observation Facility
☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather	Facility ID: <u>KBDL</u> Observation Time: <u>1330</u> Time Zone: <u>EDST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>10</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>270</u> degrees true
☐ Company ☐ Military ☒ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown	

Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
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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>75</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>45</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.15</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>4500</u> ft agl	Ceiling Height <u>12000</u> ft agl	

Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: <u>260</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>10</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>1215</u> ft
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Intensity of Precipitation ☒ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)	Restriction to Visibility (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	☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

NONE

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)*

Bent right wing spar, stringers, and sheet metal approximately 2/3 out from the wing attachment point to the fuselage. Crack in right main landing gear box.

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 flight was my second flight of the day. I was well-rested and alert that morning. Between the hours of 1130 and 1230 (all times local) I was continuing my training in this particular aircraft getting familiar with jump-door opening and closing, speed brake operation, radio setup and general handling characteristics of this aircraft. I had 6 hours of flight time previously in this hull and 14 hours total PIC time in this make and model. I had obtained weather using Foreflight as well as the BDL TAF and current conditions using the Aviation Weather Center online information at www.aviationweather.gov. Weather was reported at BDL, the nearest station, as visibility greater than 10 miles, ceilings 4500 broken, 9000 broken, 12000 overcast with winds 260 at 12 mph. I performed a power-off landing at Windham Airport (IJD) for additional practice and two landings at 7B9 where there was a crosswind with no problem. The wind was favoring runway 19 that morning and helicopters that were flying from Northeast Helicopters were using 19. The wind sock is mounted at the departure end of runway 19. I did note that the wind sock was oscillating in direction but still favored runway 19.

I checked the BDL weather again at 1330, and at approximately 1345 I boarded the aircraft which was parked alongside the approach end of runway 01 where we normally board our jumpers. The "load" consisted of three jumpers: Bob Smith (our Chief Pilot), Danielle Borges and Eric Boucher. All passengers were wearing parachutes as Ms. Borges, Mr. Smith and Mr. Boucher were planning to make jumps from 4000 feet MSL. I was wearing a bail-out parachute as required by regulations. After a normal passenger briefing and ground check, I back-taxied down runway 19. Bob Smith questioned why I wasn't departing runway 01 as the wind sock was indicating wind directly from the west. I informed him that in the morning the wind favored use of runway 19, Bradley was still reporting the same winds as earlier that day, so I would use 19. Takeoff was normal using corrections for the crosswind; the aircraft became airborne 2/3 of the way down the runway after rotation at approximately 60 mph with 10 degrees of flap setting.

Upon reaching approximately 1100 feet MSL I looked to the west and I noted a large rain cloud with visible rain exiting the bottom which appeared to be heading towards 7B9. I told Bob Smith, through our intercom, that I didn't like the look of the cloud and rain and that we should return. On the downwind leg to runway 19 light rain began to hit the windscreen but visibility was still greater than 10 miles. I checked the position of the rain cloud relative to the airport and gauged that the main portion of the rain was still several miles away. The base leg was normal; I slowed the aircraft to 75 mph in preparation for a final approach speed of 70 mph with 30 degrees of flap setting. On final I added the last 10 degrees of flaps to 40 degrees total and slowed to 70 mph. The approach was normal and it appeared that my touchdown point would be in the first 1/3 of the runway. The aircraft was buffeted lightly by the crosswind but was well within my capabilities and that of the aircraft. I considered a go-around but we were low, slow, and 130 pounds below maximum gross weight with very dynamic wind conditions at the time and there are apartment buildings about 400 yards beyond the end of runway 19. With the possibility of downdrafts and variable wind speeds and direction, I felt the best course of action was to continue the approach and land. I touched down at what I believe was the third set of runway lights or 600 feet from the approach end of runway 19 at 70 mph and full flap input. I immediately dropped the flaps and pulled the control wheel all the way aft to put as much weight as possible on the main wheels as I felt our ground speed was fast and we must have a tailwind. I felt another kick of wind from now behind the aircraft, like a quartering tailwind, but directional control was fine. I applied heavy braking but the aircraft was not slowing down as normal due to light rain on the runway surface. As the end of the runway approached I pushed hard on the left rudder pedal and yelled out to the passengers to brace as I wanted to avoid impacting a large gully at the end of runway 19 nose first. As there was a line of fueled helicopters to the left of the taxiway parallel to runway 19, I did not want to make a left turn too early and possibly impact the helicopters and personnel. As we exited the paved runway surface braking action and directional control improved and the aircraft veered to the left of runway centerline. I knew that I would not be able to stop the aircraft before the ditch but wanted to use the right wing of the aircraft to absorb as much impact energy as possible. My main purpose at this point was to maximize the safety of my passengers. I moved my hand from the throttle to the mixture control and pulled the mixture to idle cutoff as we departed the hard runway surface; it was a few moments before we slid into brush alongside the ditch. Impact was at approximately 5 to 10 mph; it was surprisingly soft. Continued below:

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Upon reviewing my actions of the day of the incident I realize that I should have initiated a go-around as soon as I realized that my flight path was not going to put me at the very beginning of the approach end of runway 19. Had I initiated a go-around at that point there would have been sufficient altitude and airspeed to safely go-around. I acknowledge that the approaching rain and changing wind conditions pressured me to get the aircraft on the ground before conditions worsened. In the past touching down with a headwind in the first one-third of the runway resulted in a safe landing but required heavy braking action. Recognizing that the runway was just slightly wet, I should have realized that braking action would have been poor and with a tailwind my ground speed would be higher than normal.

In summary, recognition of the tailwind on approach with the resulting higher ground speed, and realizing that a wet runway would provide poor braking action, I should have initiated a go-around earlier in the final approach. This aborted landing would have provided time to re-evaluate the weather conditions present and given me time to either attempt another landing, divert to another airport, or circle in the air away from the precipitation to allow weather conditions to improve. A go-around provides time to reassess.

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)

36 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

This aircraft is equipped with a passenger door modified for skydiving operations. The door swings upward when opening. After coming to rest, the door was swung upward and secured with a cable that normally keeps the door open when jumpers board the aircraft. All occupants exited the aircraft through this door. There was no deformation to the fuselage, and no fire or fuel leakage. Exiting was done orderly with no rushing.

**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.

Incident narrative continued:

As soon as the aircraft came to rest there was a moment of quiet as we all processed what just happened. I then said to everyone "get out" while I was securing the aircraft by shutting off the fuel, shutting down the avionics and master switch, and removing the keys from the mag switch. We climbed out of the aircraft using the jump door which swings upward. The fuselage did not show any deformation and the door swung open easily. We climbed out of the aircraft into the ditch then up the embankment onto the grass on the other side of the ditch from the departure end of runway 19. All four of us from the plane then checked one another for injuries as personnel from Northeast Helicopters, Connecticut Parachutists, and Sapoznik Aviation came over to us to offer aid. We checked under the aircraft and no fuel was leaking from the wings; only the end of the right wing appeared to be damaged. Heavier rain then began to fall but for a brief period.

After a few minutes, Bob Smith, our Chief Pilot, called the Bradley FSDO and reported the aircraft incident. The airport owner, Larry Durocher who was at the field at the time, called the CT State Police and reported the aircraft incident. Within a few minutes the state police arrived and began taking statements from myself and the three passengers. Personnel from the Bradley FSDO arrived approximately 45 minutes after the incident to begin their own survey of the site. After their survey, we were cleared to retrieve the aircraft from the ditch.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**11/14/2017*mm/dd/yyyy***Name of Pilot/Operator:** Brian Alan Knight**Signature:** _____**-- 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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