

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: Fredericksburg State: VA
ZIP: 22406 Country: USA
Latitude: N38°23.89' Longitude: W77°21.33'
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees: minutes: seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 06/30/2019 Local Time: 0840
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: EDT

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N748JS
Manufacturer: Donald Joe Smith, Jr.
Model: Smith Special Skybolt
Serial Number: DJS001
Year of Manufacture: 2017
Amateur-Built: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☒ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: Modified Skybolt

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 2,350 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1,995 lbs
Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1
Cabin Crew Seats: 1 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 | Special |
|---|---|
| ☐ 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. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	SC Motorstar	VEDENEYEV M-14P	KR 921024	05/29/2003	360	10.3	2.1	N/A
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 05/11/2019
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 8.2 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: MT-Propeller

Model: MTV-9-B-C-250-29

Propeller 2

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

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Ameri-King
Model or Part No.: AK-451

TSO No.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ OC91a (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>Donald Joe Smith, Jr.</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>Washington</u> State: <u>DC</u> ZIP: <u>20003</u> Country: <u>USA</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 ☒ 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 ☐ 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: <u>Stafford Regional Airport</u> Airport Identifier: <u>KMRN</u> Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>N/A (on airport)</u> m Direction From Airport: <u>N/A (on airport)</u> degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>211</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>33</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>5,000</u> ft Width: <u>100</u> 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	

"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: Donald City of Residence: Washington
 Middle Initial: J. State: DC ZIP: 20003
 Last Name: Smith Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 70 Date of Birth: 11/11/1948 mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: 11111111

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
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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

02/09/2018
 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:

12/08/2017
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Pitts
 Model: S2C

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

None

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

N/A

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	2,823	1.1	2,230.1	642.9	340.1	871.1	71.9	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2,713.1	1.1	~2,200	~630	340.1	871.1	—	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	N/A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	13.9	1.1	13.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	4.8	1.1	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION N/A																																																																																																				
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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information) N/A								
Crew Name and Address N/A First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Private ☐ Student ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Recreational ☐ Sport ☐ Commercial ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ US Military ☐ Foreign			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			
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)								
Name and Address N/A First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		Seat ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	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	Age ☐ 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
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION							
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KRMN</u> City: <u>Fredericksburg</u> State: <u>VA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>0800</u> Time Zone: <u>EDT</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>KRMN</u> City: <u>Fredericksburg</u> State: <u>VA</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 ☐ 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>N/A</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: <u>KRMN</u> Observation Time: <u>0755</u> Time Zone: <u>EDT</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>0</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>0</u> 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 Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>80</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>~70</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.05</u> in. Hg or _____ MB			
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>N/A</u> feet RVV: <u>N/A</u> miles Density Altitude: <u>1,781</u> ft				
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			
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: <u>NONE</u>							

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)*

Landing gear collapsed when bungee cords failed. The landing gear splayed out and was deformed. The right I-strut was damaged, and the right lower wing may be damaged, too. Fuselage belly panels were damaged and belly covering was torn. The composite propeller blades were destroyed. Inspection may show additional damage.

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.

See attached Pilot's statement and photos.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)								
Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation Since the aircraft touched down to the right of the paved runway, one or two additional low passes might have helped with runway alignment.								
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.)			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">Total Time/Cycles On Part</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____ Hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____ Cycles</td> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____ Hours</td> </tr> </table>	Total Time/Cycles On Part	_____ Hours	_____ Cycles	Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled	_____ Hours
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FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION								
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff (Convert from pounds, as necessary) _____ 33 Gallons	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"> Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ 100/130 </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet A ☐ Jet A-1 </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> ☐ Jet B ☐ JP8 ☐ Automotive ☐ Other, specify _____ </td> </tr> </table>			Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ 100/130	☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet A ☐ Jet A-1	☐ Jet B ☐ JP8 ☐ Automotive ☐ Other, specify _____		
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Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure NONE								
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 Pilot turned off switches, closed fuel valve, released safety harness and exited aircraft.								
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)								
Aircraft Registration Number: _____		Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____						
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____		Pilot of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____						
Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None		N/A						

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

07/15/2019

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Donald Joe Smith, Jr.

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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Name of Investigator

Eleazar Nepomuceno

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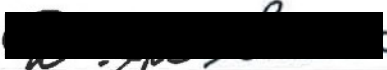
7/18/2019

DAMAGE TO N748JS

PILOT'S STATEMENT OF DONALD JOE SMITH, JR.

1. I am the builder and pilot of the Smith Special Skybolt N748JS.
2. On June 30, 2018, I went to Stafford Regional Airport in Fredericksburg, VA, where N748JS is hangered, for the purpose of conducting a flight test.
3. The weather was good, with a few clouds in the sky at first then becoming mainly clear. The wind was calm, and the temperature was around 80 degrees F. I started the airplane and taxied to Runway 33, where I performed the run-up and mag check. All gauges were normal.
4. I added power smoothly, accelerated quickly and lifted off at approximately 0800 hours. On climb-out I reduced power to 25 inches of MP, which gave a climb rate of about 800 fpm at 90 kts. I climbed to pattern altitude of 1200 ft. and announced my departure to the west for flight testing.
5. I conducted maneuvers to determine the aircraft's flight characteristics, including an approach to stall. The aircraft performed as expected.
6. After about 20 minutes, I returned to the airport for landing. My plan was to make two low passes and then land on the third. The first pass was at about 50 feet AGL. On the second pass, I stayed just above the runway. On the third pass, at approximately 0840 hours, I intended to land but may have been too far to the right. I believe the prop struck something. When I added power to go around, the aircraft did not accelerate as it should have and seemed to veer further right. I did not want to attempt a go-around with a damaged propeller. I maneuvered a little farther to the right over the large grassy area at the north end of the field, cut the power and put the airplane down in a level attitude. It was a hard landing. The bungees on the gear gave way, the gear collapsed and the propeller sheared off.
7. I then closed the fuel valve and the oil valve and turned off all switches. I removed my parachute harness and seatbelts and exited the aircraft. There was no apparent fuel or oil spill. There did not appear to be any structural damage to the airframe or wings. There was some minor fabric tearing on the belly and the air filter and housing were destroyed.
8. The airport called emergency services and reported the incident to the FAA. I was uninjured but was examined and released by the EMT personnel.

July 1, 2019


Donald Joe Smith, Jr.

PHOTOS FROM INCIDENT JUNE 30, 2019



Photo taken June 30, 2019.



Photo taken June 30, 2019.

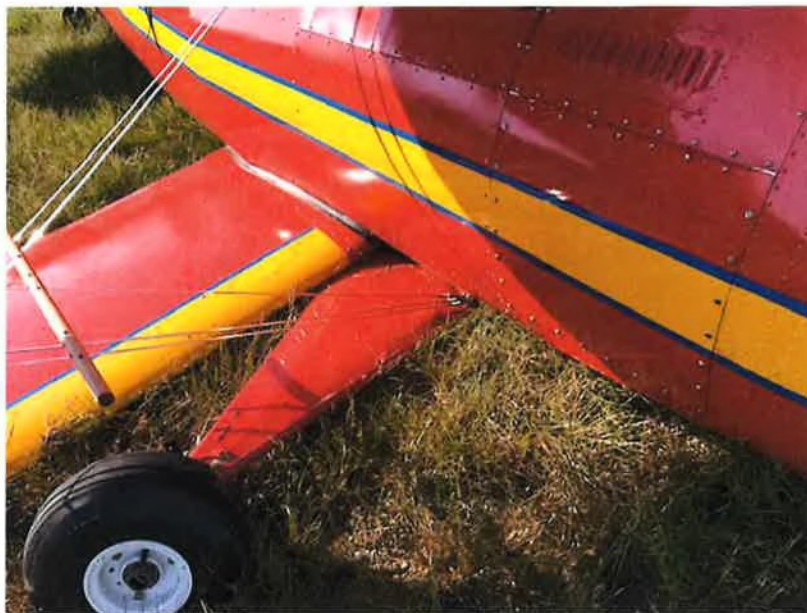


Photo taken June 30, 2019 – right landing gear.



Photo taken June 30, 2019 – left landing gear.



Photo taken June 30, 2019 – damaged propeller.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – airplane moved to hangar.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – right wing showing slackened flying wires.

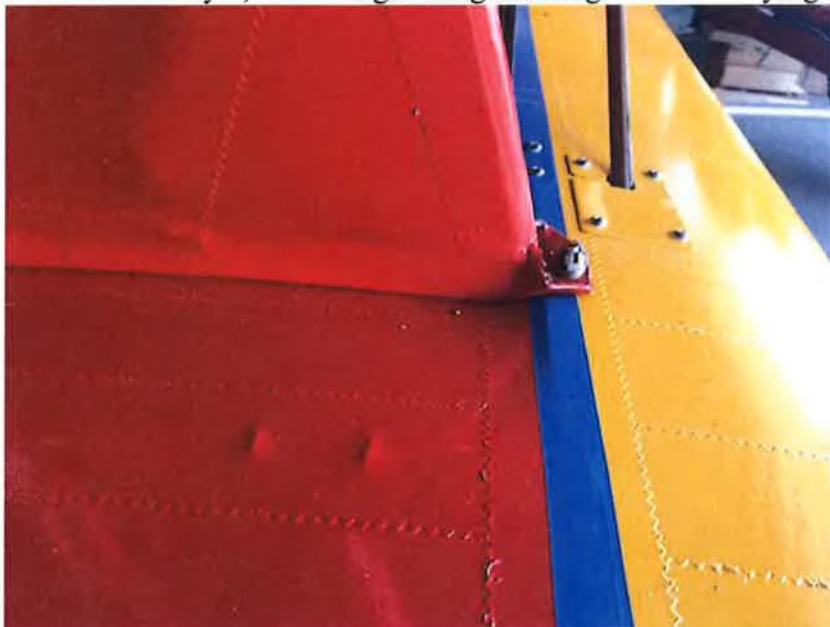


Photo taken July 2, 2019 – bent end of I strut fitting on right wing.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – another view of bent end of I-strut fitting on right wing.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – damaged exhaust stack and underbody from right side.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – torn fabric on underside of fuselage.



Photo taken July 2, 2019 – damage to right landing gear (detail).