

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public use aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Shandon State: CA
 ZIP: 93446 Country: United States
 Latitude: 35° 36' 49.12" N (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 120° 12' 19.73" W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 2/10/2013 Local Time: 9:00 am
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: PST

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☒ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

2500 ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Bell
 Model: 206 B3
 Serial Number: 1664
 Registration Number: N802KA Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 3350 lbs
 Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3200-3300 lbs
 Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:
 -or- _____ inches from ☐ nose or ☐ datum
 _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard ☒ Normal ☐ Utility ☐ Aerobatic ☐ Transport
Special ☒ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 5

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☒ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

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

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 6/29/2012
 mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 11,660.5 hrs
 hours measured at (check one)
☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None
☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident

☐ Yes ☒ No

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: _____

Battery Exp. Date: _____

Engine Type

☐ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☐ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm dd yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Rolls Royce	250 C20B	CAE820984		420	10,231.7	1108.9	1108.9
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

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

One rotor blade broken. The tailboom was cut off and all associated tailboom parts are destroyed. The fuselage was mostly undamaged but I'm sure the drive train is heavily damaged. This was a hard landing.

AIRPORT INFORMATION (if the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)

Airport Identifier: _____ Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM
 Airport Name: _____ Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG
 Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Approach Segment (Select one)

☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran
☐ VOR/TWOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow

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 ☐ Unknown
☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: None
 City: Near Shandon, CA
 State: CA
 Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 8:30
 Time Zone: PST

Destination

Airport ID: None
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Country: _____

Type Flight Plan Filed

☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR
 Activated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☒ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area

Aircraft Load Description (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☐ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☒ Chemical Fertilizer/Seeds

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(convert from pounds, as necessary)
25 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____
☐ 100 Low Lead ☒ Jet A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5

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

~~PILOT~~ I stepped out of the pilot exit as normal. No damage to this area.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>None</u> Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ NM Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees MAG		Source of Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☒ Unknown		Method of Briefing (Check all that apply) ☐ In Person ☐ Teletype ☐ Telephone/Computer ☐ Aircraft Radio ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Unknown
Briefing Type/Completeness ☐ Full ☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☐ Abbreviated ☐ Unknown ☒ Not Pertinent		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Not Reported		Visibility <u>10+</u> miles
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown		Ceiling ☒ None (clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown		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
Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft AGL		Ceiling Height _____ ft AGL		
Wind Direction ☐ Indicated: _____ degrees MAG ☒ Variable	Wind Speed Velocity: <u>2</u> KTS -or- ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable	Wind Gusts Velocity: _____ KTS ☐ Gusting ☒ Not Gusting	Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ In Clouds ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm Severity of Turbulence ☐ Extreme ☐ Severe ☐ Moderate ☐ Moderate Chop ☐ Light	

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

None/Unknown

Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>45°</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>N/A</u> in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: <u>N/A</u> ft Dew Point: <u>N/A</u> (C) or _____ (F)	Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle
	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed	

PILOT INFORMATION

Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "A" Identification

First Name: Jack City: Paso Robles
 Middle Initial: Scott State: CA ZIP: 93446
 Last Name: Sinton Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 35 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☒ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☒ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Waivers

None

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

4/17/2012
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Bell
 Model: 206 B3

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
☐ Free 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	6600	2160	1050	750	600	130	20	4800	—	—
Pilot in Command (PIC)	6200	2000	890	740	550	120	20	4600	—	—
Time as Instructor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
This Make/Model	—	—	—	—	410	—	—	—	—	—
Last 90 Days	45	15	10	30	5	17	0	20	—	—
Last 30 Days	24	5	0	14	0	2	0	5	—	—
Last 24 Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—

PILOT "B" INFORMATION**Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: _____

City: _____

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

Seat Belt

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

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
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Waivers****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
☐ Free 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 CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)

Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military		Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military		Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

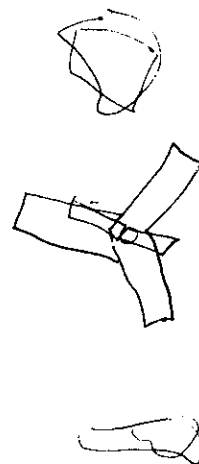
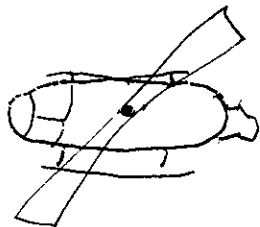
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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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 time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

See attached description



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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

See attached recommendation

Narrative History of Flight

While conducting aerial application on a local Barley crop, the engine flamed out, which resulted in a hard landing and damage to the aircraft.

On 2/10/13 I arrived at our work site where the helicopter was already parked and ready to fly. Four days prior, on 2/7/13, I had been at the same location waiting to spray the same crop. The weather was overcast and windy which was not suitable for the spray application. I waited for 5 hours on the ground in hopes that the weather would improve. While waiting, I decided to sump the aircraft fuel tank to check for water and debris. The procedure requires the fuel valve to be switched off in order to activate the sump button. After sumping the fuel, I turned the fuel valve back on and shut the battery off. After 30 minutes I realized that the fuel drain was still dripping every few seconds so I turned the battery back on and closed the fuel valve switch. I then proceeded to push the sump button multiple times to help clear any debris out of the orifice. I was successful in doing so and the leak stopped. I then reached into the aircraft and shut the battery off but I forgot to turn the fuel valve back on. I never flew that day due to the bad weather.

On 2/10/13 my schedule finally permitted me to return to the ranch where the helicopter was located and finish the job. I arrived on site at 8:00 in the morning after the frost had started to melt and the temperatures were safe to apply the chemical. Cold temperatures can result in crops being burned if an aerial application takes place.

At 8:20 I decided to go ahead and start the helicopter to commence work. I normally never turn the fuel valve off, so it is not part of my early morning preflight prior to engine start. I turned on the battery, pushed in the boost pump circuit breakers and started the helicopter with a normal start. I let the aircraft idle for maybe 5 minutes while the temperatures reached their operating range and then took off to recon the field before I took my first load. I flew for 5-10 minutes checking the field and the wind then returned to my loading site to fill the spray tanks. I landed on our nurse truck and took my first load.

When I reached the field a minute or two later I turned on the spray pump to prime the line and after I lined up on my first pass and entered the field, I turned on the boom valve to start dispensing the chemical. I immediately noticed an engine out light and a decrease in power. I turned off the boom valve to prepare to land. The helicopter regained power only momentarily and I was about 30 feet in the air at this point going maybe 30-40 kts. It was a second or two later while on the final portion of my approach to land on the hilltop that the engine shut down completely and I cushioned the landing with the collective and aft cyclic input. The landing site was slightly sloping downhill towards the nose and I hit with the heels of the skids first and then the helicopter rocked forward as it slowed. The rotorblade flexed or broke and chopped off the tailboom at this point. The helicopter rotated 90 degrees to the left and stopped. I was uninjured and happy to be alive!

I reached down to turn off the fuel valve as soon as the commotion stopped and realized that it was already off. It dawned on me very quickly that I had forgotten to turn it back on while sumping the tank a few days earlier. I shut all power off to the ship and verified that there was no fire or fuel leak. I turned the battery back on along with the radio master switch so that I could radio my loader and explain what had happened. After he figured out where I was, he and the grower drove up and found me.

After the radio call for help, I shut down the power again and stepped out of the aircraft to survey the damage. The helicopter was intact except for the tailboom and its associated parts. The fin, t/r gearbox and blades were approximately 100 feet away and behind the helicopter. The rest of the tailboom parts were near the vertical fin. Everything else stayed in tact so there was not an extensive debris field. One rotorblade was broken and drooping but it had not departed the ship.

The terrain was rolling hills with no trees, bushes or obstacles, only grass and barley. The soil where I landed was soft and kept me from sliding more than 15 feet.

Recommendation

The recommendation I have following this accident is simple. Always follow the aircraft checklist and if you are doing something that is outside of your daily routine, pay special attention to detail and again, follow the checklist. In most cases the aircraft should have never left the ground but due to my lack of use of the fuel valve, it was likely that the electric motor was stuck in the open position. If I had been exercising the motor more often, the helicopter would have flamed out before I ever got it off the ground.

For all 206 pilots, exercise the fuel valves regularly, because you never know when you might need it in case of an emergency. If the engine catches fire and you need to shut off fuel to the system, a sticky fuel valve would be no help to you.

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**2/11/2013
mm/dd/yyyy**Signature**

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Scott Sinton**Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator**

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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WPR13CA120

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

WPR, Federal Way, WA

Name of Investigator

Hogenson

Date Report Received

2/12/2013