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March 13, 2017

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Re: Aircraft accident

Operator:	American Aviation Academy, Inc.
Date of Accident:	February 12, 2017
Aircraft Reg. No.:	N2179L
Location:	North of Ramona, CA (San Diego County)

Dear Investigator:

Attached is my client's Form 6120.1 relating to the above-referenced accident.
The signature page is attached separately.

The information contained in the report is tentative at best, containing information provided to American Aviation by its employees, contractors, and vendors, which have not been independently verified. Accordingly, American Aviation reserves the right to supplement or amend the report.

The report is submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of NTSB Regulation Part 830 (49 C.F.R. Part 830) to assist the NTSB in fulfilling its statutory duties of aviation accident investigation and, if possible, determining a probable cause. It is submitted for no other purpose.

Any information conveyed by the NTSB to the FAA will be confined to accident investigation purposes and will not be given for enforcement purposes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
HARRIS & COLLINS

Charles Harris

cc: client

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: Ramona State: CA
 ZIP: 92065 Country: USA
 Latitude: 33,09,07.80N Longitude: 116,49,26.25W
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 02/12/2017 Local Time: 14:10
mm/dd/yyyy
 Time Zone: Pacific
 Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N2179L

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 172S

Serial Number: 17259633

Year of Manufacture: 2004

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 2550 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2363 lbs

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 2

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 2

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
- ☐ Acrobatic
- ☐ 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. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming	IO-360-L2A	L-33018-51E	2004	180	4273	23	1000
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 02/01/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 8564 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: 1A170E/JHA7660

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>American Aviation Academy, Inc.</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>El Cajon</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>92020</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	
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 ☐ Sideslip ☐ 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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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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 ☐ 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	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u>Shaira</u> City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Noor</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: _____ 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>KSEE</u> City: <u>El Cajon</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>13:25</u> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>KSEE</u> City: <u>El Cajon</u> State: <u>CA</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: _____ 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: _____ 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 Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: <u>21</u> (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: <u>7</u> (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>29.99</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: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ 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: Airmet Tango						

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)*

Both wings broke off. Empanage - minor dents and scratches. Right door broke off. Engine - substantial damage. Front fuselage and interior destroyed upon impact. Tree branch penetrated through bottom of fuselage just aft of the two front seats.

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.

Statement of Clarence Su

Mu Wenhai and I were scheduled to fly Feb. 12, 2017 from 1-3pm. Plane was topped off and we were ready to go. Shaira Noor wanted to backseat at the last minute. Since her flight got cancelled and had time on her hands. I said " Sure! Grab your things and put yourself on the manifest at dispatch." We started up the plane and went through the usual protocols like any before engine start up – till before take off briefing. Mu Wenhai was seated left seat, Shaira was back right seat, and I was seated on the right front seat. Take off from Gillespie from 27R Downwind departure at around 1:25pm. Headed out to Lake Jennings climbing up to 3500ft towards Barona Casino then North Transition through Romana Airport.

As we transitioned, we started to climb up again to 4500ft till reaching over Ramona dirt strip. Began the CAFÉ(Clearing turns, Announce Position, Flow of Aircraft Configuration, Emergency Landing Spot) checks for slow flight. We done slow flight twice. First was slow flight 60knts climbing 4500ft to 5000ft then maintained slow flight till full recovery. Then I next had Mu begin slow flight again this time at 55ft knots and had him descend and maintain in increments of 200ft till 4400ft. Mind the fact we did the CAFÉ checks before we began every maneuver. In between some of the maneuvers, I checked up on Shaira to make sure she was alright and asked her. She smiling and said she was fine.

Afterwards, we headed out approximately 3-4miles north of the Ramona dirt strip to do some power off stalls and around 3 unusual attitude recoveries at around 4500ft. Everything was going good so far. Headed back towards the dirt strip where we began simulated engine failures. Recovered over the strip at 2600ft and climbed back up 4500ft. Followed all the procedures in accordance to the checklist.

We headed out around Bear Creek, at 4500msl where we then began one last emergency engine failure before heading to Ramona airport to practice landings. The maneuver went well. Execution was done properly and with ease. There were light winds coming from the South so we circled over to the said landing spot. I noticed there were some cows so I had Mu begin recovery procedures sooner then intended. Recovering at least 700agl , as we fly a south and climbing out VY flaps up. Approximately 800fpm, it appeared we were climbing enough to clear the ridges. As we got closer and just couple hundred feet to go maintaining good distance. I watched outside as we started to not climb up so well.

I looked at my student's hand was on throttle full power and flaps up. Looked at his ASI, AI, and VSI. Everything matched except the VSI. My instincts kicked and I immediately took controls. Noticed the plane could not climb and we were drifting towards the left. Before I could turn right to clear ourselves it was too late. I couldn't circle around either, In fear of trying to turn too hard, stall the plane, or might clip the ridges and cartwheel the plane down. With seconds to spare, I made the decision to head on straight turning left for the area of more trees instead of the boulders. Gradually pitched the plane up to avoid a head on collision with the side of the ridges. I went half power at one moment and went full power to maybe give us a cushion right before impact. Heard Mu shouted and Shaira screamed right before impact.

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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 <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i>	Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours	
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION		
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff <i>(Convert from pounds, as necessary)</i> 53 _____ 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		
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 CFI exited through the right door opening. The right rear passenger was deceased. Student in left front seat was cut loose before exiting through the front windshield section.		
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for <i>other</i> 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: _____

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