

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: Chula Vista State: CA

ZIP: 91935 Country: San Diego

Latitude: 32.63N Longitude: 116.89W

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 04/08/2022 Local Time: 1530
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Pacific

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N3156D

Manufacturer: Ryan Dietric

Model: Rans S-4, Coyote 1

Serial Number: 97251

Year of Manufacture: unknown

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 586 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 772 lbs

Number of Seats: 1 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 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	Hirth	3203	906145	07/2020	65	3.7	3.7	new
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 04/08/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 110 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: Don't know, Maybe condit

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☒ None
☐ Specify:

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☒ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: Powerfin

Model: 3 - B blade = ground adjustable

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

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: Steven E. LearyCity: Spring ValleyFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoState: CA ZIP: 91977Country: San Diego**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Steven E. Leary

City: _____

Doing Business As: retired

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

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: John Nichol's Field

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: OCL3

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 496 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 270 (L/R/C) Length: 1700 ft Width: 35 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 ☐ Sideslip ☐ 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: Steven

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: E

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: Leary

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 73 Date of Birth: *mm/dd/yyyy*

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

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 <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: <u>09/09g /2020</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Flight Review Aircraft Make: <u>Aeronca</u> Model: <u>Champ 7A</u>
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Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)
☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	☒ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport

Type Ratings	Student Endorsements <i>(Include dates)</i>

[illegible]

"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		☐ 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		
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		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
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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: _____ 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>OCL3</u> City: <u>Chula Vista</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1530</u> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>OCL3</u> City: <u>Chula Vista</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
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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)

☐ Class A	☐ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)	☐ Special	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>506</u> ft msl
☐ 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)

☐ 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: KSDM
 Observation Time: 1500
 Time Zone: Pacific
 Distance from Accident Site: 6.3 nm
 Direction from Accident Site: 231 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 95 (F)

Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F)

Altimeter Setting: _____ 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 10+ miles

RVR: _____ feet

RVV: _____ miles

Density Altitude: 2750 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	Type
☒ None	☐ N/A
☐ Trace	☐ Rime
☐ Light	☐ Clear
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown	

Icing Actual

Amount	Type
☒ None	☐ N/A
☐ Trace	☐ Rime
☐ Light	☐ Clear
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown	

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply)	Severity
☒ None	☐ Light
☐ Clear Air	☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced	☐ Severe
☐ Convective Turbulence	☐ Extreme

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

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)

Buckled right main landing gear. Broken right forward wing spar. Bent right aft wing spar.

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.

After gaining radio clearance from the Sky-Dive Safety Officer to depart, I taxied out onto the eastern (departure) end of runway 27 for departure from John Nichol's Field. Once aligned on the runway, I applied power, gradually increasing it as the aircraft picked up speed. The aircraft tracked very true with very little rudder needed to maintain a strait course down the runway. At about 30 mph and 300 feet down the runway, at full power, the aircraft began to feel light and I applied back pressure on the stick to bring the nose up. As I did so, the aircraft left the ground almost immediately and began to climb. I continued to hold back pressure on the control stick intending to pull the nose up into the proper attitude for maximum rate of climb. However, as the aircraft reached an altitude of approximately 6 feet, it began to roll to the right. I immediately corrected back to the left with the control stick thinking that I had encountered a cross-wind gust of air. However, the aircraft continued to roll to the right. Alarmed, I immediately pushed the stick forward to arrest the climb and increase speed, and I responded to the roll with some left rudder. The roll slowed, but did not completely stop. I continued to push in more rudder until I had in all the left rudder as far forward as I could push it. At that point the rolling motion stopped and began to correct back to the left which I allowed it to do to level the wings.

Assessing my situation, I found I had control of the roll, but with almost no rudder or aileron travel available to the left. I was about 3/4 of the way down the runway, slightly to the right of its right boundary at about 8 or 10 feet AGL, but noticeably lower than the tree tops which were rapidly approaching ahead of me. I decided that I had insufficient control of the aircraft to continue to safely fly it, so I made the decision to attempt to land in the distance available in front of me. I pulled the throttle back to a high idle, and pushed the stick forward to establish a controlled decent. When I got close to the ground I pulled back on the stick to level the aircraft. I also pulled the throttle to full idle power. As I put back pressure on the stick, the aircraft once again began to roll to the right.

I was aware of the need to correct the severe crab to the left that I had the aircraft in, prior to landing, in order to get the nose pointed in the direction the aircraft was flying before touchdown. But I was afraid that any attempt to take pressure off of the left rudder pedal would result in a roll that would cause the right wing to strike the ground first and cause the aircraft to pivot and impact the ground nose first. I decided that my best option was to hold in the left crab as the airspeed dropped off, and continue to hold it in the left crab right down to the ground. I was now skimming over the ground at about 1 to 2 feet. In a short moment, as the airspeed dropped off, the aircraft began to sink. I immediately pulled back on the stick to bring the tail down and slow it even more before touch-down. But as I pulled the stick I felt the right wing dropping again. The aircraft touched down first on the right wheel, in an extreme crab to the left, and just kind of crumpled the right main landing gear. However, I think I achieved a full stall, two point landing (right main and tail-wheel initially). The impact forces were very mild, hardly more than you would experience in a normal landing.

When the dust cleared, I found myself sitting in the aircraft that was sitting on top of the right main gear wheel with the right wing down on the ground. The left main gear was splayed out to the left and the severe lean to the right was causing fuel to leak out of the right side, wing fuel tank vent port, onto the ground. I noticed immediately that the right forward wing spar tube was broken just outside of the lift strut attachment point, and that the aft lift strut was not attached to the rear spar. I assumed it was damaged in the crash. I turned off all the switches and exited the aircraft out the left side.

Shortly after I exited the aircraft, the Sky-dive folks came out to assist with removal of the aircraft which was lying in the runway over-run area and preventing them from continuing their operations. They had also called 911 when they could not raise me on the radio. I had been unable to respond because for some reason, I was finding it difficult to activate the push-to-talk button. I think I was a bit shell-shocked. They picked up the aircraft and placed it, intact on the back of a low trailer they have and transported it back to my hanger where they placed in on the floor with the right wing up on a saw-horse.

I was very confused as to why it wanted to roll to the right, and very concerned that I had perhaps caused the accident myself by misinterpreting what was going on and cross-controlling the aircraft right into the ground. This was partly because I know how simple and secure the control system in this aircraft is. I could not imagine a malfunction occurring in the system from any cause. However, shortly after we had the aircraft back in the hanger, a young man who worked for Sky-Dive San Diego, and was an A&P mechanic, told me that he thought he found the cause of the problem, and he took me to the aft lift strut on the right wing. This was the same one that I had noticed earlier, and thought it had broken from its attachment in the crash landing. However, there was no damage to it, or the fitting it was supposed to attach to. There was only one possible explanation for that. The 5/16 inch bolt that was supposed to pass through the two holes in the strut and the hole in the fitting to secure them together, was not in there at the time of the crash. It had come out before the impact and the strut had separated from the fitting. This would cause exactly the kind of roll disturbance that I experienced, and that

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

This accident could have been avoided if the preflight walk-around check had been performed correctly and without distractions. The preflight walk around is the last opportunity any pilot has to assure his aircraft is absolutely, truly, ready for safe flight. It should be treated with respect, bordering on reverence. The focus must be 100% on the aircraft. Distractions of any kind must be avoided. And the pilot must enforce that with everyone who would interfere. It is not complex, or difficult to do a good preflight inspection. But it does require iron-clad self-discipline and a laser-like focus on the aircraft. In this case, I should have told the flight mechanic to stop interrupting me about a checklist, and do not interrupt me again for any reason, until I had completed the preflight on the aircraft.

A checklist may be useful for some, but it is not essential because the process can be approached conceptually. Looking at a wing for instance, what do you want to know? #1 that it is firmly attached to the aircraft, and #2 that it is functional. This means you have to look at every attachment point for correct fasteners, properly applied, as well as the structure itself for symmetry, alignment, damage, wear, etc. A control surface may be approached in the same way. All pilots know what is important, we all know what we should see. But what is most important is the seeing itself. That means seeing everything, looking at every individual attachment point and every nut and bolt. It requires focus and discipline to do the process right. And any interruption can break the pilot's focus and cause an item to be missed.

**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)

18 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ Jet B☒ Other, specify Auto Gas 91 octane☐ 100 Low Lead☐ Jet A☐ JP8☐ 100/130☐ Jet A-1☐ Automotive

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

This aircraft did not have the doors attached to either side. I removed my seat-belt and exited on the left side, away from the leaking fuel.

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

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☒ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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

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

Date of this Report

04/13/2022

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Steven E. Leary

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

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Name of Investigator
Stephen Stein

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