

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: <u>ALBUQUERQUE</u> State: <u>NM</u> ZIP: <u>87113</u> Country: <u>United States</u> Latitude: <u>35.1764</u> (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: <u>106.5924</u> (ddd:mm:ss E/W)		Date/Time Date: <u>10/14/2023</u> Local Time: <u>0810</u> <u>mm/dd/yyyy</u> Time Zone: <u>MST</u>	
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 <u>5,000</u> ft MSL	

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: <u>CAMERON</u> Model: <u>A-315</u> Serial Number: <u>6979</u> Registration Number: <u>315RR</u> Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Max Gross Weight: <u>6800</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>5200</u> lbs Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident: <u> </u> inches from ☐ nose or ☐ datum -or- <u> </u> Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (%MAC)	
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Category of Aircraft ☐ Airplane ☒ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyrocraft ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered lift ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate <i>(Check all that apply)</i> Standard ☒ Normal ☐ Utility ☐ Acrobatic ☐ Transport Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport	Number of Seats: <u>18</u> If Large Aircraft, how many seats for: Flight Crew: <u>1</u> Cabin Crew: <u>1</u> Passengers: <u>16</u>	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
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Type of Maintenance Program ☒ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: <u> </u>	Last Inspection Type ☐ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☒ Conditional Inspection ☐ Annual ☐ Unknown	Date Last Inspection: <u>09/30/2023</u> <u>mm/dd/yyyy</u> Airframe Total Time: <u>7</u> hrs hours measured at (check one) ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident
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IFR Equipped ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown	Stall Warning System Installed ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown	Type of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None <u>FIRE EXTINGUISHER</u> ☒ Specify: <u> </u>
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ELT Installed ELT Activated ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No	ELT Manufacturer: <u> </u> Model/Series: <u> </u> Serial Number: <u> </u> Battery Type: <u> </u> Battery Exp. Date: <u> </u>	
ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident ☐ Yes ☐ No		

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: <u> </u> Model: <u> </u>
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Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	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								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: RAINBOW RYDERS HOT AIR BALLOON CO.Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered OwnerName: Kyle R. LaxtonDoing Business As: Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon Co.

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

Owner AddressCity: ALBUQUERQUEState: New Mexico ZIP: 87113Country: United States**Operator Address**☐ Same As Registered OwnerCity: PhoenixState: Arizona ZIP: 85022Country: USA**Regulation Flight Conducted Under:**

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| ☒ FAR 91 | ☐ FAR 129 | ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight | ☐ Public Use (select type) |
| ☐ FAR 103 | ☐ FAR 133 | ☐ Non-US, Commercial | ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local |
| ☐ FAR 121 | ☐ FAR 135 | ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ FAR 125 | ☐ FAR 137 | ☐ Armed Forces | |

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☒ Yes ☐ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**Purpose of Flight**

for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one)

- ☐ Personal
☒ Business
☐ Executive/Corporate
☐ Other Work Use
☐ Instructional
☐ Ferry
☐ Positioning
☐ Aerial Application
☐ Aerial Observation
☐ Air Drop
☐ Air Race / Show
☐ Flight Test
☐ Public Use
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation

for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi

Domestic or International☒ Domestic ☐ International**Cargo Operation**

- ☐ Passenger/Cargo
☒ Passenger 12 How many?
☐ Cargo _____ lbs
☐ Mail

Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (135)
☐ Large Helicopter (127)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133)
- or -
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137)
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

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**

First Name: _____

City: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

First Name: _____

City: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

NONE

Total Time/Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**☒ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed**Aircraft Fire**☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin
☐ On-Ground**Aircraft Explosion**☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin
☐ On-Ground

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

NONE

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/TVOR ☐ 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	Time of Departure	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: _____	Time: _____	Airport ID: _____	☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR
City: _____	Time Zone: _____	City: _____	☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
State: _____		State: _____	☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
Country: _____		Country: _____	☐ 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)

80 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3
☐ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet-A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5

☒ Other, specify Propane

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
The Passengers exited the gondola by climbing out of the top.**WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE****Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: ABQObservation Time: 0500-0900Time Zone: MSTDistance from Accident Site: 12 NMDirection from Accident Site: 210 degrees MAG**Source of Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| ☒ National Weather Service | ☒ Company |
| ☒ Flight Service Station | ☐ Military |
| ☐ TV/Radio | ☒ Internet |
| ☒ Automated Report | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) | |

Method of Briefing

(Check all that apply)

- | |
|--|
| ☒ In Person |
| ☒ Teletype |
| ☒ Telephone/Computer |
| ☒ Aircraft Radio |
| ☐ TV/Radio |
| ☐ Unknown |

Briefing Type/Completeness

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☒ Full | ☐ Abbreviated |
| ☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer | ☐ Not Pertinent |

Light Condition

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Dawn | ☐ Dusk | ☐ Dark Night |
| ☒ Day | ☐ Night | ☐ Bright Night |
| ☐ Not Reported | | |

Visibility10 miles**Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition**

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☒ Clear | ☐ Thin Broken |
| ☐ Few | ☐ Thin Overcast |
| ☐ Partial Obscuration | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Scattered | |

Ceiling

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ☒ None (clear) | ☐ Obscured |
| ☐ Broken | ☐ Indefinite |
| ☐ Overcast | ☐ Unknown |

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 |

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

ft AGL

Ceiling Height

ft AGL

Wind Direction

- ☒
- Indicated:
-
- 360
- degrees MAG

☐ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 7 KTS

-or-

- ☐
- Calm
-
- ☐
- Light and Variable

Wind GustsVelocity: KTS

- ☐
- Gusting
-
- ☒
- Not Gusting

Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ None | ☐ In Clouds |
| ☒ Clear Air | ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm |

Severity of Turbulence

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| ☐ Extreme | ☐ Moderate | ☒ Light |
| ☐ Severe | ☐ Moderate Chop | |

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

NONE

Temperature: (C)
or 47 (F)Altimeter Setting: 29.89 in. HG
or MBDensity Altitude: ftDew Point: (C)
or 25 (F)**Icing Forecast**

Amount

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☒ None | ☐ Moderate |
| ☐ Trace | ☐ Severe |
| ☐ Light | |

Type

- | |
|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Rime |
| ☐ Clear |
| ☐ Mixed |

Icing Actual

Amount

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☒ None | ☐ Moderate |
| ☐ Trace | ☐ Severe |
| ☐ Light | |

Type

- | |
|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Rime |
| ☐ Clear |
| ☐ Mixed |

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☒ None | ☐ Drizzle |
| ☐ Rain | ☐ Ice Pellets |
| ☐ Snow | ☐ Snow Pellets |
| ☐ Hail | ☐ Snow Grains |
| ☐ Rain Showers | ☐ Ice Crystals |
| ☐ Freezing Rain | ☐ Ice Pellets Shower |
| ☐ Snow Shower | ☐ Freezing Drizzle |

Intensity of Precipitation

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Light | ☐ Moderate | ☐ Heavy |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|

PILOT "A" 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: Kyle City: Phoenix
 Middle Initial: H State: Arizona ZIP: 85022
 Last Name: Laxton Country: United States
 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
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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 <u>03/20/2023</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>
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Medical Certificate Limitations

wear corrective lenses, Cannot fly at night

Medical Certificate Waivers

NONE

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

07/20/2023
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Cameron
 Model: 275

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 ☒ Free Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

NONE

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	2,200	500								2,200
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2,150	500								2,150
Time as Instructor	15									15
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	75									75
Last 30 Days	25									25
Last 24 Hours	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: _____
Middle Initial: _____
Last Name: _____

City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
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
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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
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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
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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: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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.

On Saturday October 14, 2023 at 0710 hours I, Kyle Laxton, acting as the Pilot in Command of Hot Air Balloon N315RR, launched from Fiesta Field in Albuquerque, NM with 12 passengers aboard.

Prior to launch, I attended The Balloon Fiesta Pilot Weather Briefing for the local weather updates as well as researched weather conditions independently and then I briefed the passengers on ground safety and other things to be aware of during inflation.

After the passengers boarded, I then briefed and demonstrated the proper landing position to be in for landing, which is to have their knees slightly bent but not sitting on their feet, with both hands on the rope handles that are situated on the passenger's right and left side, and then lean to the right, which would be the direction of travel upon landing.

We flew for approximately 40 minutes, at which point I picked out a viable landing site:
Lat 35.1764 Long 106.5924 (pictures attached)

During the descent to the ground, we encountered faster surface winds than we had observed during flight and as the morning went on the weather deteriorated.

Then at approximately 0800 hours at about 75 feet above the ground we encountered what I would describe as a mid-air wind shear/turbulent air which in turn forced the aircraft toward the ground faster than anticipated and myself and the aircraft were unable to arrest the now fast descent.

The sooner than anticipated landing caused us to come in contact with a chain-link fence that otherwise would not have been an issue.

The fence DID NOT cause damage to the aircraft.

After I deflated the balloon into the field, I was made aware of a passenger who was complaining of ankle pain.

We then placed her into our chase van vehicle and admitted her to the local Urgent Care Center to be treated for her pain.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)**Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation**

From this point forward I would say the best way to prevent further events such as this would be to BRIEF, BRIEF, and then BRIEF again!!

Also make sure the passengers are in good shape and in good health to handle unfortunate landings like this that cannot be prevented and happen when weather conditions change during a balloon flight.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**

10/31/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: Kyle Vaxton

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

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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