

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

NTSB Form 6120.1

PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

Email the pilot/operator aircraft accident/incident report to the investigator-in-charge of your accident/incident. If email is not available, mail the report per the instructions below.

If your accident/incident occurred in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands, send the form to: NTSB, ERA, 45065 Riverside Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147.

If your accident/incident occurred in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, or New Mexico, send the form to: NTSB, CEN, 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80239.

If your accident/incident occurred in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, or the territories of Guam or American Samoa, send the form to: NTSB, WPR, 505 South 336th Street, Suite 540, Federal Way, WA 98003.

If your accident/incident occurred in Alaska, send the form to: NTSB, ANC, 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 216, Box 11, Anchorage, AK 99513.

Rules pertaining to notification of aircraft accidents and incidents, as well as overdue aircraft are found in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 830 http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfr830_main_02.tpl. These rules state the authority of the NTSB, define accidents, incidents, injuries, and other terms, and provide procedures for initial and immediate notification of accidents and incidents by aircraft pilots/operators.

A. APPLICABILITY

The pilot/operator of an aircraft shall send a report to the office listed above, based on accident/incident location; immediate notification is required by 49 CFR 830.5(a). **The report shall be filed within 10 days after an accident for which notification is required by Section 830.5, or after 7 days if an overdue aircraft is still missing.**

An aircraft accident, as defined in 49 CFR 830.2, is determined as an occurrence that involves a fatality or serious injury, or substantial damage to the aircraft. For occurrences that do not involve a fatality, the determination that the occurrence is an accident can be appealed by writing to the Director, Office of Aviation Safety, NTSB, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOTS/OPERATORS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

It is necessary that ALL questions on this report be answered completely and accurately.

If more space is needed, continue on a blank sheet of paper.

Nearest City/Place: Use the name of the nearest community in the state where the accident/incident occurred.

Date/Time: Indicate the date and local time of the event. Be sure to indicate the time zone.

Phase of Operation: Indicate the phase of operation during which the accident/incident occurred.

Aircraft Information: Enter aircraft make and model information as indicated on the aircraft registration certificate, including series. If the involved aircraft is certified as "amateur-built," include the name of the producer of the kit or plans, unless an NTSB employee instructs otherwise.

Maximum Gross Weight: Enter the certificated maximum gross weight for the aircraft involved in the occurrence. This should be the same as the maximum gross weight indicated on the aircraft weight and balance documents.

Engine: Enter engine make and model information as indicated on the engine data plate.

The NTSB uses this form for aircraft accident prevention activities and for statistical purposes. NTSB regulations (49 CFR Part 830) require that **ALL** questions be answered completely and accurately. Completion of this form will take approximately 60 minutes. The NTSB does not guarantee the privacy of any information provided in this form. You need not complete this form unless it displays a valid OMB control number, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.5(b), which applies to this collection of information.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. "Aircraft Accident" means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death, or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage. For purposes of this form, the definition of "aircraft accident" includes "unmanned aircraft accident," as defined at 49 CFR 830.2.

2. "Substantial Damage" means damage or failure that adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and that would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. NOTE: Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairing or cowlings, dented skin, small puncture holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wing tips are not considered "substantial damage" for purposes of this report.

3. "Operator" means any person who causes or authorizes the operation of an aircraft, such as the owner, lessee, or bailee of an aircraft.

4. "Fatal Injury" means any injury that results in death within thirty (30) days of the accident.

5. "Serious Injury" means any injury that (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fracture of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage; (4) involves injury to any internal organ; or (5) involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Type of Fire Extinguishing System: If a fire extinguishing system was used to fight an aircraft fire, specify the type(s) of extinguishing system(s) used. Examples include handheld extinguisher, engine fire bottle, cargo/baggage compartment fire suppression system, or airport emergency ground equipment.

Owner/Operator Information: Enter the owner information as shown on the registration certificate. Commercial operators, enter the operator information, including "doing business as" when applicable, as shown on the operator certificate.

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: Indicate whether the accident aircraft was conducting revenue sightseeing operations under 14 CFR Part 91 at the time of the accident.

Air Medical Flight: Indicate whether the accident flight was being conducted for the purpose of carrying medical personnel, patient(s), or organs.

Public Aircraft: Federal, state or local government flight operations such as official travel, law-enforcement, low-level observation, aerial application, firefighting, search and rescue, biological or geological resource management, or aeronautical research. Indicate whether the flight was conducted by the armed forces, federal, state, or local government.

Purpose of Flight: 14 CFR Parts 91, 103, 133, 136, and 137: Indicate the type of operation that was being conducted at the time of the occurrence using the following definitions:

AERIAL APPLICATION--Operations using an aircraft to perform aerial application or dispersion of any substance. Examples include agricultural, health, forestry, cloud seeding, firefighting, insect control, etc.

AERIAL OBSERVATION--These flights include aerial mapping/photography, patrol, search and rescue, hunting, highway traffic advisory, ranching, surveillance, oil and mineral exploration, criminal pursuit, fish spotting, etc.

AIR DROP--Aerial operations, other than aerial application, that are intended to release items in flight.

AIR RACE/SHOW--Includes any flight operations conducted as part of an organized air race or public demonstration.

BUSINESS--includes all personal flying without a paid professional crew for reasons associated with furthering a business, including transportation to and from business meetings or work. This does not include corporate/executive operations, air taxi, or commuter operations.

EXECUTIVE/CORPORATE--Company flying with a paid, professional crew.

FERRY--Non-revenue flight under a special flight or "ferry" permit. Refer to 14 CFR 21.197 for details of special flight permit issuance.

FLIGHT TEST--Flight for the purpose of investigating the flight characteristics of an aircraft/aircraft component or evaluating an applicant for a pilot certificate or rating.

INSTRUCTIONAL--Flying while under the supervision of a flight instructor or receiving air carrier training. Personal proficiency flight operations and personal flight reviews, as required by federal air regulations, are excluded.

OTHER WORK USE--Miscellaneous flight operations conducted for compensation or hire such as construction work (not 14 CFR Part 135 operation), parachuting, aerial advertising, towing gliders, etc.

PERSONAL--Flying for personal reasons (excludes business transportation) including pleasure or personal transportation. This also includes practice or proficiency flights performed under flight instructor supervision and not part of an approved flight training program.

POSITIONING--Non-revenue flight conducted for the primary purpose of relocating the aircraft. Examples include moving the aircraft to a maintenance facility or to load passengers or cargo etc.

UNKNOWN--Use only if the primary purpose of flight is not known.

Other Aircraft--Collision: For all accidents involving a collision with another aircraft, including parked aircraft, check "Collision with other aircraft" under Basic Information and complete this section indicating details about the OTHER aircraft involved in the collision.

Airport Information: Complete this section if the accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 statute miles of an airport. Please refer to the FAA Airport/Facility Directory or other official source for airport information.

Airport Identifier: Provide the official 3 or 4 character airport identifier number.

Runway: Indicate the number of the runway used, including L, R, or C if applicable.

Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the type of intended runway/landing surface (do not indicate surface conditions). If the surface type was mixed, check all that apply.

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the condition of the intended runway/landing surface. If multiple conditions existed at the time of the accident, check all that apply.

Weather Information at the Accident/Incident Site: Indicate the weather conditions reported at the accident/incident site at the time of occurrence. If no weather reporting was available for the accident/incident site, indicate the reported conditions at the nearest reporting site. Specify the weather reporting site identifier, the observation time, and distance from the accident/incident.

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Indicate the height above ground level of the lowest cloud condition present at the time of the accident/incident and whether coverage was reported as few, scattered, broken or overcast. Also indicate the height above ground level and coverage of the lowest cloud ceiling present at the time of the accident/incident (reported as broken or overcast).

NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs: Describe all NOTAMS (distant (D) or Flight Data Center (FDC), if known), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, and PIREPs in effect near the accident/incident.

Flight Crewmember Information: Indicate the category that best describes the capacity served by this flight crewmember at the time of the accident. The designators "Flight Crewmember 1" and "Flight Crewmember 2" do not refer to a specific pilot position or responsibility. If more than one pilot is aboard, they may be entered in any order and their capacity entered as appropriate.

Degree of Injury: See Definitions on the top half of Page 1 of the instructions. Minor injury is not defined. If an injury does not meet the criteria for another injury category, select Minor.

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent: Enter the date of the most recent flight review, or equivalent, completed by this pilot. Refer to 14 CFR 61.56 for accepted equivalents.

Type Ratings: List all type ratings on the pilot certificate. If the pilot holds no type ratings indicate "none." If the pilot holds a pilot certificate other than student and was flying an aircraft requiring an endorsement, enter the type and date of any logbook endorsement(s) for that aircraft. See 14 CFR 61 for examples of required endorsements.

Student Endorsements: If the pilot holds a student pilot certificate, enter all solo endorsements and dates on the student pilot certificate.

Flight Time: Complete the flight time matrix. Solo flight time should be included as "Pilot-in-Command (PIC)" and all dual flight instruction given should be included as "Time as Instructor."

Additional Flight Crewmembers: Complete this section if there were more than two required flight crewmembers on the aircraft. This also includes a check airman performing official duties but does not include cabin crew. State the capacity served by each included crewmember at the time of the accident.

Passenger(s)/Other Personnel: Enter identification and injury severity information for all passengers, cabin crew, and other personnel involved in the accident. See Page 1 of the instructions for the official definition of injury levels.

Several questions throughout the form allow for multiple responses; when appropriate, choose all responses that apply.

These instructions only pertain to major issue areas covered by NTSB Form 6120.1 *Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report*. For additional definitions of questions and responses, please refer to www.nts.gov.

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: <u>Big Bear, CA</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: _____ Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ <i>(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)</i> <u>L35 airport</u>		Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>12/2/23</u> Local Time: <u>2:00</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u> Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None	
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AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: <u>N7LV</u> Manufacturer: <u>Cessna</u> Model: <u>P-210N</u> Serial Number: <u>P 21000506</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>1980</u> Amateur-Built: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____	☒ FR-Equipped and Certified ☐ Commercial Space Flight ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: _____ lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ lbs Number of Seats: <u>6</u> Flight Crew Seats: <u>2</u> Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: <u>4</u> Number of Engines: <u>1</u>
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Category of Aircraft ☒ Airplane ☐ Balloon ☐ Blimp/Dirigible ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Rocket ☐ Ultralight ☐ Unknown	Type of Airworthiness Certificate <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Standard</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Special</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ Normal</td> <td>☐ Restricted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Aerobatic</td> <td>☐ Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Balloon</td> <td>☐ Provisional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Commuter</td> <td>☐ Special Flight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Transport</td> <td>☐ Experimental</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Utility</td> <td>☐ Special Light-Sport</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>☐ Experimental Light-Sport</td> </tr> </table> ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown	Standard	Special	☒ Normal	☐ Restricted	☐ Aerobatic	☐ Limited	☐ Balloon	☐ Provisional	☐ Commuter	☐ Special Flight	☐ Transport	☐ Experimental	☐ Utility	☐ Special Light-Sport		☐ Experimental Light-Sport	Landing Gear <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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
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Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	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	<u>Rolls Royce</u>	<u>250 B175/2</u>	<u>CAE 881357</u>		<u>450</u>	<u>1690</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection ☒ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: <u>08/2023</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: <u>5470</u> hrs hours measured at (Select one) ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident	Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☒ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____ 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
Type of Maintenance Program (Select one) ☒ Annual ☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____	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: _____	
Description of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☒ Specify: <u>on-board extinguisher</u>		

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Surfside Consulting Inc.City: Surfside
State: CA ZIP: 90743
Country: USAFractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No**Operator of Aircraft**☒ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

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: Big Bear AirportDistance From Airport Center: 1/2 smAirport Identifier: L35Direction From Airport: 260° degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 6750 ft. msl**Runway Information**Runway ID: 26 (L/R/C) Length: 5850 ft Width: 75 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 ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ 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" INFORMATION																																																																																																				
"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident ☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew																																																																																																				
"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No																																																																																																				
"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification First Name: <u>Jeffrey</u> City of Residence: <u>Newport Beach</u> Middle Initial: <u>H</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>92660</u> Last Name: <u>Wolff</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>60</u> Date of Birth: <u> </u> mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: <u> </u>																																																																																																				
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) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer						Medical Certificate Validity ☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance		Date of Last Medical <u>8/14/23</u> mm/dd/yyyy																																																																																												
Medical Certificate Limitations Must use corrective lenses to meet vision standards at all required distances																																																																																																				
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Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: <u>12/15/2022</u> mm/dd/yyyy				Flight Review Aircraft Make: <u>Cessna</u> Model: <u>P210N</u>																																																																																																
Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea		Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift		Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift		Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport																																																																																														
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"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

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) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

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) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

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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	
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)							
Name and Address First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		Seat ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	Age ☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point

Airport ID: KFUL
City: Fullerton
State: CA
Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 1230
Time Zone: PST

Destination

Airport ID: L35
City: Big Bear
State: CA
Country: USA

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: L35
Observation Time: 1330
Time Zone: PST
Distance from Accident Site: 0.5 nm
Direction from Accident Site: 0.5 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

Ceiling

☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured
☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite
☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown

Temperature: 10 (C) or _____ (F)

Dew Point: 41.5 (C) or _____ (F)

Altimeter Setting: 30.21 in. Hg
or _____ MB

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

_____ ft agl

Ceiling Height

_____ ft agl

Wind Direction

☐ Variable

Direction: 270 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

Speed: 8 kts

Wind Gusts

☒ Not Gusting

Speed: _____ kts

Visibility: 10 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 ☐ Rime
☐ Trace ☐ Clear
☐ Light ☐ Mixed
☐ Moderate ☐ Unknown
☐ Severe

Icing Actual

Amount ☒ None ☐ Rime
☐ Trace ☐ Clear
☐ Light ☐ Mixed
☐ Moderate ☐ Unknown
☐ Severe

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply)
☒ 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:

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)*

Significant damage to propeller, engine, wings, rubber, tail and landing gear.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

See attached.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Not sure if it could've been prevented.

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.)

I'd like to have the engine inspected to determine why it shut off on takeoff. Has never happened in >1400 hours of flight in N7LV. Seemed like a fuel issue for sure. Plane was full of fuel and fuel pump was on.

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATIONFuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

135

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 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

While upside down I released the seatbelt and climbed out. Restraints seemed to work well.

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.

See attached.

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

Date of this Report

12/13/23
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature:

-- or --



electronically sign this document

Jeffrey Wolff

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**NTSB Accident/Incident No.
WPR24LA046Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office
AS-WPRName of Investigator
Andrew SwickDate Report Received
12/13/2023

Narrative History of Flight (Page 9)

Flew VFR on perfect clear day from KFUL to L35 on 12/2/23 at approximately 1230 PM to get in some flying and to fuel N7LV with JetA at Big Bear Airport. Uneventful flight to L35. I have made this flight dozens of times in the past with N7LV for the same reason- to get fuel and to stay current. After landing I taxied to the fuel island and topped off the 4 wing tanks (2 mains and 2 tips). After fueling I restarted the motor and taxied to RW 26 without incident for departure back to KFUL. Held short of RW 26, announced my intentions, and took the active RW 26 for departure. Applied takeoff power, rotated at approximately 80 knots. Shortly after leaving the RW (less than 1 or 2 seconds I'd estimate) at an altitude of approximately 100 feet I noticed a sharp loss of power. I visually checked the red and black engine control levers and confirmed that they were correctly positioned. Had no time to troubleshoot. After briefly (milliseconds) erroneously pulling back on the yoke to stay airborne I realized that my only choice was to try to return to the runway. As I pushed forward on the yoke I heard the motor wind down to a stop- the same sound I hear when I shut the motor down after a flight. I don't remember everything that happened after that but I was furiously trying to get the plane onto the runway. I believe I retracted the flaps to increase the speed with which I would get the wheels on the ground. On the ground I tried beta and reverse with the power lever but obviously no response as engine was not running. I applied maximum brakes but was unable to stop before running through the end of the runway through the fence and across the road and into a soft dirt area west of the road. When I reached this soft dirt area the nose wheel seemed to dig in to the dirt and I experienced a very violent stop with my head hitting the panel/ dash and the airplane flipping over back to front. I self-extricated by releasing the seat belt buckle and opened the pilot and climbed on the wing. Passersby helped me to the road and an off-duty paramedic helped me in his truck while the ambulance came. I suffered injury to my upper back, a broken vertebrae in my neck, and a wound to my skull, but I feel fortunate to be alive. If this had happened at my home airport (KFUL) I would definitely have perished with these circumstances. Zero chance of survival. I have flown this airplane over 1,500 hours and have NEVER experienced a flame out before- one of the main reasons I purchased a turbine aircraft was the engine reliability, which is no longer the case. I would like to know exactly what led to this engine failure.

Additional Information (page 11)

1. I delivered N7LV to Propjet Aviation at KSTS on 1/25/23 to get the annual inspection done and also to get the 1,750 hour scheduled "hot section" done. The motor had not yet reached 1,750 hours but I was having recurring issues of chip detector activations so Bob Nicolas recommended that we get the hot section done early so that the overhaul vendor could investigate the source of the chips. Propjet removed the motor and shipped it to HEROS in Phoenix AZ for the inspection/ hot section.
 - a. In the course of the inspection they discovered metal in the area where the prop box chip detector was, though that chip detector light had not illuminated on my flight from KFUL to KSTS. Note that chip detector number 1 lit up on my way to KSTS from KFUL. Had the prop box chip detector been operational, that would've been 2 chip detector lights and I would have immediately landed to investigate. I communicated by text with Propjet about chip 1 and decided to proceed to KSTS unless I got a 2nd chip detector light.
 - b. HEROS inspected the prop box and was unable to determine the source of the metal that they'd found so they recommended opening the gearbox to investigate further. They opened the gearbox and discovered a number of damaged gears and bearings, and they also decided that many of the gears in the prop box needed to be replaced (sun gear and all planetary gears). Bob Nicolas later told me that he'd never had one of the Silver Eagle motors with this much "damage" at the hot section service. I of course approved all of these repairs- no choice as far as I could tell- and HEROS commenced the repair. HEROS completed their work in August of 2023. I was checking in with Blake (GM?) of HEROS throughout the summer of 2023 for updates on the motor. I also made 2 trips from SoCal to the HEROS shop in Phoenix to see for myself what they were finding. As the plane neared completion, on one phone call with Blake, he informed me that the repairs had been completed but they'd had "some issue with the fuel system" when they put the motor on the test stand so it had to go back for further inspection and, presumably, repair. I should have taken notes during this phone call because the language was a little foreign to me, but it definitely had to do with the fuel system. I presume that the additional inspection/ work was then done, the motor was presumably put back on the test stand, and HEROS decided it was ready to be put back in service. The motor was shipped back to Propjet Aviation in August of 2023 and Propjet reinstalled the motor in N7LV. The airplane also received its annual inspection from Propjet prior to my trip up to KSTS to pick the airplane up and fly it home on 9/1/23. Prior to flying home I flew for several hours with Bob Nicolas to refresh my skills and get the recurrent Silver Eagle training done.
 - c. My first thought when the motor quit on 12/2/23 at L35 was that something with the HEROS repair had gone wrong- I connected this failure with whatever happened on the test stand at HEROS. That was just the first thought in my head. I had NEVER had as much as a burp from the engine in the +/- 1,500 hours of flying N7LV and it instantly seemed way too coincidental to have this happen so close to the annual and the AZ work.

2. When fueling N7LV at L35 I noticed that at least one (maybe both- don't honestly remember) of the main fuel tank fuel caps was almost vacuum-sealed when I removed them for fueling. I don't remember this ever happening before, but I am not certain of that. I also, in hindsight, don't remember that the fuel vents leaked onto the ramp after fueling, which is a super common occurrence with these Silver Eagles- the tanks almost ALWAYS leak via the vent tubes onto the ramp after fueling. I am wondering if this venting problem could have led to an "airlock" of sorts that prevented the gravity-fed main fuel to find its way into the engine's fuel system. I would like to see this thoroughly investigated, which should be pretty easy to do even after the damage. Something starved the motor of fuel- maybe it was this venting issue. Also, I noticed that the fuel tank caps on the main tanks were different from the ones that were there when I delivered the plane to KSTS. My experience is that Propjet often swaps less significant parts- like fuel caps- between airplanes because they have so many Silver Eagles in their shop throughout the year. I don't think these caps are vented so I don't think this would have contributed to this potential "airlock" problem, if that was in fact one of the causes of the incident.