

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/titles49/49ecfr830_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 cowling, 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>Mesa Falcon Field Airport</u> State: <u>Arizona</u> ZIP: <u>85215</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>33.457439</u> Longitude: <u>111.727386</u> <i>(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)</i>				Accident/Incident Date/Time Date: <u>02/14/2024</u> Local Time: <u>Late Morning</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: <u>MST</u> Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☐ None					
AIRCRAFT INFORMATION									
Registration Number: <u>E25EN</u> Manufacturer: <u>Mark G. Ellingson</u> Model: <u>Kitfox IV</u> Serial Number: <u>1681</u> Year of Manufacture: <u>2024</u> Amateur-Built: ☒ Yes ☐ No <i>If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design</i> Make: <u>Kitfox IV</u>				☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified ☐ Commercial Space Flight ☐ Unmanned Aircraft Maximum Gross Weight: <u>1200</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>1052</u> lbs Number of Seats: <u>2</u> Flight Crew Seats: _____ Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____ Number of Engines: <u>1</u>					
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%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Standard ☐ Normal ☐ Aerobatic ☐ Balloon ☐ Commuter ☐ Transport ☐ Utility </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Special Flight ☒ Experimental ☐ Special Light-Sport ☐ Experimental Light-Sport </td> </tr> </table> ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ None ☐ Unknown		Standard ☐ Normal ☐ Aerobatic ☐ Balloon ☐ Commuter ☐ Transport ☐ Utility	Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Special Flight ☒ Experimental ☐ 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	Rotax	912ULS	4425360		100	1346.6	3.3		
Eng. 2									
Eng. 3									
Eng. 4									
Last Inspection Type ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ AAIP ☒ Conditional Inspection ☐ Annual ☐ Unknown Date Last Inspection: <u>01/30/2024</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: <u>0.5</u> hrs hours measured at <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident			Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☒ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: <u>Whirlwind</u> Model: <u>GA-RW3B</u> Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch ☐ Controllable Pitch ☐ Ground Adjustable Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____						
Type of Maintenance Program (Select one) ☐ Annual ☒ Conditional (Amateur-built only) ☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP) ☐ Continuous Airworthiness ☐ Other, specify: _____			ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No <i>If Yes:</i> ELT Manufacturer: <u>ARTEX</u> Model or Part No.: <u>ELT 345</u> 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 <i>If activated:</i> Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>If not activated:</i> Indicate Reason: ☒ Impact Damage ☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown						
Description of Fire Extinguishing System ☐ None ☒ Specify: <u>Canister Type</u>			Additional Equipment (Check all that apply) ☒ ADS-B ☐ Airframe Parachute ☐ Angle of Attack Indicator ☐ Autopilot ☐ Data Recorder ☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device ☐ Electronic Multifunction Display ☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display ☐ Handheld GPS ☐ Heads Up Display ☐ Onboard Weather ☐ Satellite Tracking Device ☐ Stall Warning System ☐ Video Recording Device ☐ Other, Specify: _____						

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Mark G Ellingson</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No		City: <u>Mesa</u> State: <u>Arizona</u> ZIP: <u>85204</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☐ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☐ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No		Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>Falcon Field</u> Airport Identifier: <u>KFFZ</u> Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>1394</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>4R</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>5100</u> ft Width: <u>100</u> ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ 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	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☒ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ ADF/NDDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Contact ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Circling ☐ Unknown ☐ RNAV		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ 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	

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"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>Justin</u> City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Shawver</u> 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%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Available ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Used ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>			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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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 <u>02/06/2024</u> mm/dd/yyyy																																																																																												
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Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KFFZ</u> City: <u>Mesa</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>11:30</u> Time Zone: <u>MST</u>		Destination Airport ID: <u>KFFZ</u> City: <u>Mesa</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☒ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA						
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Class A ☐ Class G ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☒ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown					Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>Ground 1344</u> ft msl	
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE						
Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ On-Board Weather ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☐ Unknown			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true			
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night				
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (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 _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft			
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle		Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown			
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme		
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: 						

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)

Right wing front spar bent--last third.
Considerable right wing tip damage.
1 Propeller blade damaged from prop. strike.
Right landing gear bent and right bungee shock bent.

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.

Ground Loop

N25EN.

From The Owner/Builder/ Crew Member, Mark Ellingson's, perspective

Wednesday

Feb 14, 2024

Preliminary:

Both Justin Shawver and Alex Huey agreed to assist me flight test my Kitfox IV during Phase I. Both pilots had considerable hours as pilots and specifically as tail wheel pilots and seemed very qualified. They were both recommended to me. I met them both and asked for their flight experience.

Justin Shawver:

Total Log Time: 13,070 hrs

Certs: ATPL MEL, Com SEL, CFI, CFII, MEI, A&P, IA

Medical: 1st Class 06/Feb/2024

Tailwheel time: 947 hrs

Make and Model: 33 hrs

No accidents, incidents, suspensions, DUIs

Alex Huey:

Total Log Time: 756 hours

Certs: PPL, MEL, CPL

Medical: 10-30-2023

Tailwheel time: 417 hrs

Make and Model: 17 hours

I followed the recommendations of other pilots to prefer choosing a CFI for flight testing, then if he was not available, to then choose a test pilot that had considerable tail wheel experience. I therefore preferred Justin S. as pilot for the first flight, and I would go along as a crew member to watch and verify engine performance and instrumentation. Justin sat in the left seat as pilot in command and I sat in the right seat.

First Flight

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, Justin Shawver agreed to test fly my Kitfox IV. That morning we first taxied around the hangar area, and eventually stopped, applied brakes, and ran up to full power—around 5500 rpm. The brakes held fine, with engine gauges were in acceptable ranges so we continued to the runway taxi area to the run up area for 4R.

Justin called for clearance, then we proceeded to the runway. He there told me that when flying his brother's Kitfox that they eased into full power for takeoff. (Note, his brothers plane had a 65 hp Rotax 582. My plane has the 100 hp Rotax 912uls.) Gradually going to full power surprised me. I trained in a AeroTrek 240 with a 912uls(a certified copy of the Kitfox IV) and in a Super Cub(for my tailwheel endorsement) and we always went to full power immediately on takeoff when flying these aircraft. For the first 10-15 seconds(see video) he gradually introduced power, and as a result we swerved considerably. At around 15 seconds, I suggested that he go to full power. He did, and we immediately straightened and began to lift off, but I noticed that he wasn't using enough right rudder and that he didn't momentarily stay in ground effect to gather airspeed for a climb—thus only relying on the torque of the Rotax 912 to pull us up and away. We started to climb, noticeably with the right wing slightly down. I asked him if we could level the wings and still stay flying straight out. He insisted that we needed to stay flying in that configuration. Very soon into the flight he noticed that he needed to apply a little right.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)													
Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation Source a test pilot with recency experience in the make and model to be flown. Realize that tail wheel flight skill is a perishable skill.													
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)													
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i>	Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours												
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Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure													
EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT													
Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location Opened both right and left doors to exit.													
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)													
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Registered Owner of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____		Pilot of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____											

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