

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: Laramie State: WY

ZIP: 82070 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 07/03/2024 Local Time: 9:00 am

mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: MDT

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: 30435

Manufacturer: Cessna

Model: 140

Serial Number: 12709

Year of Manufacture: 1947

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

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 1550 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1380 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☒ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng 1	Continental	O-200-A	66844-7-A		100	444	11	419
Eng 2						6879		
Eng 3								
Eng 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

Date Last Inspection: 06/01/2024

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 3871 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: extinguisher in cockpit

Propeller 1

- ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: McCawley

Model: 1A101

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Unsure

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☒ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☒ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: John Spitzer / Mary Spitzer (partnership)City: LaramieState: WY ZIP: 82070Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: John SpitzerCity: Laramie

Doing Business As: _____

State: WY ZIP: 82070

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

Country: USA**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: Off Airport Accident

Airport Identifier: _____

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

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: John

City of Residence: Laramie

Middle Initial: E

State: WY ZIP: 82070

Last Name: Spitler

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 68 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
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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 <u>Basic Med</u> ☐ 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>03/30/2022</u> mm/dd/yyyy
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Medical Certificate Limitations
Reading glasses

Medical Certificate Special Issuance
2 year Course Comp 04/23/24

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: <u>02/25/2024</u> mm/dd/yyyy	Flight Review Aircraft Make: <u>Cessna</u> Model: <u>182</u>
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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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Type Ratings <u>Tadpole</u> <u>High Performance</u>	Student Endorsements (Include dates)
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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	725	400	725	—	31	1	50			
Pilot in Command (PIC)	587	400	587							
Time as Instructor	—	—	—							
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	16	16	16		0	0	0			
Last 30 Days	9	9	9		0	0	0			
Last 24 Hours	0.5	0.5	0.5		0	0	0			

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

First Name: Kevin

Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

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

Certificate Number: _____

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Available

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
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☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

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

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

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

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

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

mm/dd/yyyy

Make: _____

Model: _____

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

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

☐ None
☐ Airplane
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☐ Powered Lift

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

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)

All
Aircraft

**This Make
& Model**

Airplane
Single
Engine

**Airplane
Multiengine**

Night

Instrument

Actual

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100	100

Rotorcraft

Glider

Lighter Than Air

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: <u>NONE</u> City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer	Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: <u>NONE</u> City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer	Restraint Type: Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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 cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available Used ☐ None ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KLAR</u> City: <u>Laramie</u> State: <u>WY</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>8:30am</u> Time Zone: <u>MDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KLAR</u> City: <u>Laramie</u> State: <u>WY</u> Country: <u>ALOWA USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA				
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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: <u>300</u> ft msl
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WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☐ None ☒ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather	Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true
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Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night
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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 <u>Unknown</u> or _____ MB
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Wind Direction ☒ Variable - or - Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable - or - Speed: _____ kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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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
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Icing Forecast Amount Type ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount Type ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) Severity ☒ None ☐ Light ☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe ☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme
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NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

LAR Runway 12 Runway END TO Light OUT OF SERVICE
LAR Runway 21 Runway END TO Light OUT OF SERVICE

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)

Engine pushed into Firewall Left main gear total out
 Fuselage bent at Firewall, gear box Prop bent
 Vertical Stab & rudder crushed
 Left wing spar bent
 Damage to both left and right wings.

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.

Departed KJAR at 8:30am MDT for a local 1 hour flight around Laramie Valley.
 Wx Forecast excellent for this short, scenic flight. Wind was 170 @ 4 at takeoff.
 Proceeded west over Lake Hattie flying at 500 ft agl. Then south to intercept
 Laramie River. Cessna 140 does not have a "both" setting to draw fuel from
 both tanks at the same time. I always change tanks every 15 mins to keep
 fuel levels balanced. Selector has left, right and off settings. Once over Laramie
 River, now at 300 agl, I encountered a herd of elk and did a couple of
 wide 360° to observe. Upon departing this viewing heard my friend
 Neil Humphreys on radio announce position 3000 ft above me in route
 to KJAR. Talked to him over radio commenting on the elk and beauty of the
 day. During this time, 30 min had elapsed so, as usual, I made what
 I thought was a tank change (unknown to me at the time, I turned
 fuel selector to off). Did not realize the situation! Engine sputtered and
 then quite running. Again, did not even think about having shut off fuel.
 Navigated and flew toward ranch pasture adjacent to the river. Communicated
 to Neil via radio that I was going to do an emergency, deadstick landing.
 Set up final glide but field much rougher than optimal. Landing flared a
 bit too high (perhaps?), touched down, bounced once and then flipped
 over nose in onto back of plane. Exited plane, called 911. After ~5 min
 returned to cockpit to turn off fuel and found selector already in off
 position.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

- (1) Too distracted with beauty of the day and communicating with Neil. Caused me to move selector valve in wrong direction
- (2) Though I've done so many times, perhaps NEVER change tanks when below 1000 ft agl. Think there was less than 1 min between engine out and actual landing... no time to assess situation.

Accident was pilot error. Momentary distraction lead to emergency situation with very little time to respond.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

____ Hours
____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

20 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87
☐ 100 Low Lead
☐ 100/130

☐ 115/145
☐ Jet A
☐ Jet A-1

☐ Jet B
☐ JP8
☐ Automotive

☒ Other, specify 91 octane ethanol free
plane STC'd for this.

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

unbuckle 3-point and crawl out sprung door

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.

Like to thank all of the EMS service personnel that showed up.
Glad that the situation was not worse!

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

Date of this Report <u>07/05/2024</u> mm/dd/yyyy	Name of Pilot <u>Tim Spitzer</u> Signature:  -- or -- ☐ electronically sign this document
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If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	
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