

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION
Accident/Incident Location

 Nearest City/Place: Ortega Hwy 74, 2.5 miles from OC C Line State: CA

 ZIP: 31805 Country: USA

 Latitude: 33.60978N Longitude: -17.43008W

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

 Date: 12/23/2025 Local Time: 14:55
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM

 Time Zone: PST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

 Registration Number: N272HM

 Manufacturer: Cirrus

 Model: SR22T - G5

 Serial Number: 1079

 Year of Manufacture: 2,015

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

Make: _____

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

 Maximum Gross Weight: 3,600 lbs.

 Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3,300 lbs.

 Number of Seats: 5 Flight Crew Seats: 2

 Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 3

 Number of Engines: 1
Category of Aircraft
 (Select one)

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

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
 (Check all that apply)

- | Standard | Special |
|---|---|
| ☒ Normal | ☐ Restricted |
| ☐ Aerobatic | ☐ Limited |
| ☐ Balloon | ☐ Provisional |
| ☐ Commuter | ☐ Special Flight |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Experimental |
| ☐ Utility | ☐ Special Light-Sport |
| | ☐ Experimental Light-Sport |
| ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) | |
| ☐ None ☐ Unknown | |

Landing Gear
 (Check all that apply)

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

Engine Type (Select one)

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

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☐ Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine 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	TS10-550-K	1012117	07/13/2015	315	848	40	0
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour
☐ AAIP
☐ Annual
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Condition
☐ Unknown

 Date of Last Inspection: 05/19/2025
mm/dd/yyyy

 Airframe Total Time: 848.5 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: 1 Fire Extinguisher

Additional Equipment

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☒ ADS-B
☒ Airframe Parachute
☒ Angle of Attack Indicator
☒ Autopilot
☐ Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
☒ Coupled Flight Director
☒ Data Recorder
☒ Device Stall Warning System
☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☒ Electronic Multifunction Display
☒ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Flight Management System | ☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Night Vision Goggles
☒ Onboard Weather
☒ Primary Flight Display
☐ SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☒ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Wire Strike Detection
☐ Wire Strike Protection
☐ Other, Specify: _____ |
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 ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:

 ELT Manufacturer: Artex 406Mhz ELT100

 Model or Part No.: A3-06-2749-1

 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

Propeller 1 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

 Manufacturer: Hartzell

 Model: PHC-J3Y1F-1N
Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: HMG Aviation, LLC

Fractional Ownership Aircraft:

☐ Yes☒ NoCity: Palm SpringsState: CAZIP: 92264Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☐ Same address as Registered OwnerName: Hunter Madison Group, Inc.

Doing Business As: _____

City: Palm SpringsState: CAZIP: 92264Country: USA

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

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 450
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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 ☐ Unknown

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)**Airport Name: John Wayne - Santa AnaDistance From Airport Center: 22.29 sm.Airport Identifier: KNSADirection From Airport: 99.95 degrees trueProximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/AAirport Elevation: 56.00 ft. MSL**Runway Information**Runway ID: 20L Length: 2,886 ft. Width: 75 ft.**Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)**

- ☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
- ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
- ☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
- ☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
- ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
- ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
- ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
- ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
- ☐ Takeoff ☒ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
- ☐ Initial Climb ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
- ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
- ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
- ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
- ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
- ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
- ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

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**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☒ 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: [REDACTED]

City of Residence: Palm Springs

Middle Initial: [REDACTED]

State: CA ZIP: 92264

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 64

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

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

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

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 ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

08/22/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must use corrective lens(es) to meet vision standards at all required distances.

Medical Certificate Special Limitations**Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☒ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☒ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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

08/24/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Cirrus (N272HM)

Model: SR 22T G5

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ 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 Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

Instrument Rating 01/05/2023

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Private Pilot 09/01/2021

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	714	547	714	0	13	78	66	0	0	0	0	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	524	524	524	0	13	1	66	0	0	0	0	0
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					9	78	66					
Last 90 Days	31	31	31	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	9	9	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ 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 ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

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 ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

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 Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☒ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☒ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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)

☒ 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 Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

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

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	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.		

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	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.)

Number of Passengers _____	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
Passenger Information First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ 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 Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>KSNA</u> City: <u>Santa Ana</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>14:40</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>PST</u>	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>KPSP</u> City: <u>Palm Springs</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☒ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA
☐ None

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: 7000 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
☒ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: ☐ Unknown
 Foreflight
☒ On-Board Weather

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: KSNA
 Observation Time: 14:01
 Time Zone: PST
 Distance from Accident Site: 22.29 nm
 Direction from Accident Site: 99.95 degrees true

Basic Conditions

- ☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Lowest Cloud Condition**Height**200 ft. AGL**Light Condition**

- ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

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

Ceiling

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

Ceiling Height6500 ft. AGLTemperature: 16.00 (°C) or ____ (°F)Dewpoint: 12.00 (°C) or ____ (°F)**Altimeter Setting:**2,995.6 (Hg), or ____ (mb)**Wind Direction**

- ☐ Variable or
 Direction: 140.00

degrees true

Wind Speed

- ☐ Calm
☒ Light and Variable
 or
 Speed: 5.0 kts

Wind Gusts

- ☒ Not Gusting
 or
 Speed: ____ kts

Visibility

16.0 miles
 RVR: ____ feet
 RVV: ____ miles
 Density Altitude: ____ ft.

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

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

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None ☒ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

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

Intensity of Precipitation

- ☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☒ N/A
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

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

Turbulence (Check all that apply)

- Type** **Severity**
☒ None ☐ Light
☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe
☐ Convective ☐ 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 ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet, if necessary.)*

N272HM: Propeller blades damaged, passenger side wing leaking fuel. It was difficult to assess damage given position of aircraft in the ravine.

Incident Landing Location: Fuel leaking

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.

Please see NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT.pdf

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION *(How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)*

Please see Operator Owner Safety Recommendations.pdf

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

92.0 Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

Fuel topped off and parking at ACI Jet South

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:

I was able to exit out the left door using normal operations.

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

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

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

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

12/30/2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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NTSB Accident/Incident No.	Reviewed by NTSB AS Division	Name of Investigator	Date Report Received
WPR26LA071	OAS-WPR	GRANT MILLS	12/30/2025

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N272HM, piloted by me, [REDACTED] the only soul on board, took off from KSNA to KPSP on December 23, 2025, at 02:40PM PST on an IFR flight plan.

Prior to takeoff, the plane was fueled to top off capacity (92 gallons) and was parked in a single location at ACI Jet South (arrived at 09:57AM PST on December 23, 2025, from KPSP). Prior to taking off, I conducted a complete preflight safety check of the plane including, sumping the fuel, checking the oil, testing the lights and the stall system and completing a plane walk around. After starting the engine, and setting it for engine warmup, the latest weather was documented as VFR Conditions: METAR KSNA 232201Z 14005KT 10SM FEW002 FEW019 OVC065 16/12 A2995 RMK AO2 VIRGA OHD T01610122.

and the IFR clearance was obtained (on Clearance Frequency) which was as follows:

C: KPSP

R: Left turn, heading 175°, DANA H V363 WOKRO V64 TRM, then DIRECT

A: Initial 5000, expect 11,000 10 minutes after departure

F: 128.1

T: 4645

I completed all the required Check Lists. After finishing setting up all the necessary data in the G1000 (Baro, Heading, Initial Altitude, Squawk Code, Frequencies and Flight Plane), taxi clearance was requested (from Ground) and granted with an initial location of the mid-field runup area. I completed the Taxi Check List. Upon reaching the runup area and setting the parking brake, the following systems were checked: GPS system (including computing the RAIM), the ANT system, and ensuring all software loaded properly. A full runup was then completed and validated by the Check List. The autopilot was preloaded as follows: TO/GA button pressed, Heading Mode pressed, IAS set to 120 Knots. I requested a taxi to a runway and was granted a taxi clearance via Alpha, Hotel, Charlie, Kilo to RWY 20L.

Upon reaching RWY 20L, Tower was contacted, and almost immediately, I was cleared for take-off with the instruction to fly heading 175°. I hand flew the take-off and upon reaching approximately 600' above the ground the flaps were retracted. Autopilot was then engaged. Soon thereafter, Tower instructed to switch to the SoCal Departure Frequency, I checked in with Departure and was acknowledged by Departure with radar contact. I

continued to climb on autopilot at 120 knots on a 175° heading toward an altitude of 5000'. I completed the Climb Checklist.

The next series of events, instructed by Departure, included several vector heading changes and clearance to 7000' which put me in IMC conditions. At this point N272HM, was set to Cruise settings including power at approximately 80% with manifold pressure at 30.5 inHg and mixture set to the turquoise line. I then did the Cruise Checklist. I was starting to become concerned about my position relative to the terrain because of the number of vector heading clearances. I checked the altitudes on Foreflight on my iPad and then requested a higher altitude from Departure but did not get a response.

Sometime later, Departure issued a clearance, but it was a bit hard to hear them. They instructed me to join the V64 which confused me since I anticipated joining the V363. I queried this, and they said the V363 was behind me. I was confused and this is the point where I made my first error; the clearance was to fly a heading of 090° to join V64. I misunderstood and instead I programmed the plane to fly direct to the first waypoint on V64 (WOKRO) and selected the NAV mode. I was then handed off to LA Center.

On my initial contact with Center, I let them know that I was flying direct to WOKRO to join the V64 and my altitude was 7000'. Their response was that I needed to turn immediately and that I was too close to the mountains. I sensed panic in the voice of the controller, and I disconnected the autopilot to manually turn away from the terrain. The plane pitched down, and my workload increased as I attempted to readjust the pitch. At this time stage I was IFR and could not see the terrain below. Between the anxiety in the voice of the traffic controller, my concern about the terrain, my difficulty in controlling the pitch, and since I was below the 140 knots limit, I decided to pull CAPS. I let Center know that I had deployed the parachute.

The plane then made a severe nosedive and jolted me which made my glasses fall off my face. I was no longer able to read my instruments. Soon thereafter, the blades then cut the wires and plane leveled off. I remained calm and pulled back the mixture and the throttle. I tried to talk to Center, but they could not hear me. I did hear another pilot letting Center know that the parachute had been deployed. He wished me his best, and he asked that Center let him know if I was OK. I could not change my frequency to Guard due to my inability to see without my glasses. The descent seemed to go very quickly and soon I was out of the clouds and could see the terrain below. I was over a mountainous, forested area and could see a highway. As the plane approached the ground, I realized I was going to land in a ravine just below the highway.

When the plane touched down, I removed my seat belt so I could find my glasses. It took a bit of time, but I did find them on the floor at the very front of the passenger seat. I put them back on so I could see properly and turn off the plane including the gas tanks. There was no fire or smoke. It was hard to determine the condition of the plane from the inside except when I noticed the propellers were damaged. I then began to collect some of the important items I needed including my flight log, plane log, wallet, keys, and backpack. I made a normal exit from the pilot's side door.

At this time, four individuals approached the plane and asked if I was OK. As I looked at the plane, I heard the ELT going off and noticed that fuel was leaking out of the passenger's side wing. We all agreed that the safest thing to do was to get away from the plane. When I got to the top of the ravine on the highway, I met with various emergency professionals including CalFire, the California Highway Patrol and others. A paramedic checked me out and I received no injuries due to the incident.

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

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

Not making the two errors would have prevented this incident.

The first, not following the instruction of initially flying a heading of 090° to join the Victor 64, was a total mistake which I own. I have followed many directional calls including ones to join an airway and not missed them. In this situation, I think I was feeling stressed about all the vectoring and my proximity to the mountains and that distracted me. The call was also hard to hear, and I could tell the controller was super busy. I should have reclarified the call.

The second, was taking the plane off the autopilot. In hindsight, I should have kept the autopilot engaged, used the heading bug and heading mode for a turn away from the terrain. The use of the autopilot, to manage the cockpit is effective in Single Pilot Resource Management especially in IMC conditions.

The loss of my glasses, due to the CAPS deployment was very challenging. In the future, I plan to use a glasses holder and have an extra pair of glasses in the center console.

Historically, I have had a strong commitment to training but will engage in additional training, including emergency procedures, turning off the autopilot and hand flying in various scenarios, and additional IFR training.

I also plan to re-fly the route with an instructor if it can be arranged with Departure at KSNA.