

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: Casa Grande State: AZ

ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Latitude: 32.8139°N Longitude: -111.7096°W

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

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 3-2-2026 Local Time: 7:20

mm/dd/yyyy

HH:MM

Time Zone: AZCollision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N261RRManufacturer: LINDSTRAUDModel: 260ASerial Number: 5520Year of Manufacture: 2012Amateur-Built: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/PlansMake: N/A

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

Maximum Gross Weight: 4994 lbs.Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3696 lbs.

Number of Seats: _____ Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: N/ANumber of Engines: N/A**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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eng. 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eng. 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eng. 4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Last Inspection Type

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

Date of Last Inspection: 1-1-2026

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 655 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:
- 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

Com radioHand heldwalkie talkiePhone withmapInstrumentPuck

- ☒
- 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: _____

ELT Installed: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)☐ C120 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☒ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown**Propeller 1**

- ☒
- Fixed Pitch
-
- ☐
- Controllable Pitch
-
- ☐
- Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: N/A

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☒
- Fixed Pitch
-
- ☐
- Controllable Pitch
-
- ☐
- Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: N/A

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION		
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>IDAHO HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES INC</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No City: <u>Borco</u> State: <u>ID</u> ZIP: <u>83714</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		
Operator of Aircraft ☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner ☐ Same address as Registered Owner Name: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Doing Business As: _____ City: <u>Phoenix</u> State: <u>AZ</u> Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____ ZIP: <u>85048</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		
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 450 ☐ 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	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ 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
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>		
Airport Name: _____ 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: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ 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 ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown ☐ Elevated Helipad ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area		
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/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 <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

"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: Phoenix

Middle Initial: [REDACTED]

State: AZ ZIP: 85048

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 57

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

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)

☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

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

Date of Last Medical

7/25
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

N/A

Medical Certificate Special Limitations

N/A

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: Com radio, Instrument Pack

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

3-5-25
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Ultra magic
Model: UM 500

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
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multiengine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered lift
☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Type, Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

LTA

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	1735									1735		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	1735									1735		
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	35									35		
Last 30 Days	35									35		
Last 24 Hours	1									1		

"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)
☐ 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 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 ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front		☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____					☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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: <u>Phone Cam</u>						
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	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: <u>1730</u> hrs.		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____						
Additional Crewmember Information			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front		☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____					☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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 ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____						
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)						
Number of Passengers <u>12</u>						
Passenger Information		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints
First Name: _____ City: _____		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		Row: _____		Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Under 5 years ☐ If under 5 years, Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
Last name: _____ Country: _____		☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____		
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: _____						

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	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	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	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	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	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	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 Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Time of Departure Time: _____ Time Zone: _____	Flight Information Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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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: <u>150-200</u> ft. MSL		
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE					
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)			Weather Observation Facility		
☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: ☐ On-Board Weather			Facility ID: <u>(KCGZ)</u> Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: <u>AT Mountain Standard</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>5 miles</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>NW</u> degrees true		
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height: <u>Clear</u> ft. AGL	☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling	Ceiling Height		Temperature: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)
☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial ☐ Obscuration ☐ Scattered		☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	_____ ft. AGL		Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)
Altimeter Setting:		Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility
<u>29.92</u> (Hg), or _____ (mb)		☒ Variable Direction: <u>N NW</u> degrees true	☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable Speed: <u>or</u> _____ kts	☒ Not Gusting Speed: _____ kts	<u>20+</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft.
Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)					Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)
☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers					☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown
☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals					
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence (Check all that apply)
Amount: ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type: ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount: ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type: ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective
NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: None N/A					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None
☒ Minor
☐ Substantial
☐ Destroyed
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None
☐ In-Flight
☐ On-Ground
☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ Unknown

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

A broken U tube.
Can be replaced with a new one.

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.

I was one of three balloons flying in a line going about 4mph. I would climb to get some east and then come back down to adjust to the north west. I approached the Casa Grande mountain on the south east side. The other two balloons had already crossed the mountain. As I approached the lower end of the hill I noticed my speed increased. I was between 150-200 feet as I went over the lower side of the mountain. I felt a push of wind on the balloon. I was putting heat into the balloon with no response. The balloon landed hard and when it did one of the U tubes on the basket broke. When I knew it was going to be a hard landing I had the passengers turn around and sit down as practiced in my safety briefing. I do multiple safety briefings before we take off.

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

In the twenty two flights I have taken since that day, I fly over the mountain daily. I fly higher over the mountain to avoid any turbulence or rotors. Another thing I do is after every flight and before my next flight I discuss my flights and the weather with the other commercial pilot who flies the area and has been flying the area for years. We talk about different weather scenarios and which land site would work the best.

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.)

N/A

Total Time/ Cycles On Part

N/A Hours
N/A Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

N/A Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

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

75 Gallons of propane

Fuel Type

☐ 100 Low Lead
☐ Automotive

☐ Jet A
☐ Jet A-1

☐ Unleaded AV
☒ Other, specify

propane

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

N/A

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:

N/A

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

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer:

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed
☐ Substantial

☐ Minor
☐ 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.)

After we touched down, the balloon went back in the air. I maintained level flight. we flew on until I found an open field and landed between 4-6 miles per hour.

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:

04/05/2026

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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Name of Investigator

Greg Hughes

Date Report Received

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