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 INFORMA	TION												
Accident/Incident Loc	ation					Accident/Incident Date/Time							
Nearest City/Place: Reigle Fld, PalmyraState: PA						Da	te:	05/0	3/2018	Lo	cal Time: 1	5:56	
ZIP: 17078 Country: United States of America									l/yyyy				
Latitude: N40:17:16		Longitude: W76	34:48							1 11	me Zone: <u>E</u>	:51	
(Enter in decima	l degrees or d	legrees:minutes:sec	conds)			Co	ollision v	with	Other Air	craft: C) Midair	OOn-groun	d O None
AIRCRAFT INFO	RMATIO	N											
Registration Number:	N914BB								ped and Ce al Space Fli				
Manufacturer: Bernie	Berger M						_		al Space Fil Aircraft	gnı			
Model: Pulsar Series						M	aximun	n Gr	oss Weigh	t: <u>1325</u>		lbs	
Serial Number: <u>P9802</u>	2-0550					W	eight at	t Tin	e of Accid	lent/Incid	dent: <u>114</u>	7	lbs
Year of Manufacture:	2002					N	umber o	of Se	ats: 2		Flight Cre	w Seats: 1	
Amateur-Built: ⊙ Yes		Kit/Plans Mal	ke: Pulsar S	Series III		Са	ıbin Crew	v Seat	s: <u>-</u>		Passenger	Seats: 1	
ONo		Original Design				N	umber (of En	gines: 1		<u> </u>		
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O Glider	☐ Aeroba							_		OTurb		ONone	
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Eng. 3													
Eng. 4													
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OUnki			Model: 1	<u> Medium</u>	Propeller				Mode	el:			
Date Last Inspection:	07/09/2 mm/dd/vv		ELT Ins	stalled:	⊙ Yes ○	No			Additio	nal Equ	ipment (Check all that	t apply)
Airframe Total Time:		hrs	If Yes:			□ADS-B							
hours measured at (S	elect one)				er: <u>Ameri-Kir</u>	ng C	Corp.			rame Para	icnute ck Indicato	r	
O Last Inspection	Time of A	ccident/Incident			:: <u>AK-450</u>	3 C0	1a (121 5	ML	☑ Aut	opilot			
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OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMA	ATION					
Registered Aircraft Owner		City: Newport News				
Name: Geoffrey J. Jeram		State: VA ZIP: 23608				
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: O Yes ©	No	Country: United States of America				
Operator of Aircraft	gistered Owner	☐ Same Address as Registered Owner				
Name:		City:				
Doing Business As:		State: ZIP:				
Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Charact	er Code):	Country:				
Operating Certificates Held (Check all that apply)	Regulation Flight Conducted Un	Jnder Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one for each group)				
□ 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)	OFAR 91 OFAR 129 OFAR OFAR 103 OFAR 133 OFAR OFAR 121 OFAR 135 OFAR OFAR 125 OFAR 137 OFAR OFAR 91 Special Flight ONon-US, Commercial ONon-US, Non-commercial	R 431 Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi International R 435				
□ 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	OPublic Aircraft (Select one) OArmed Forces	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) O Aerial Application O Aerial Observation O Air Drop O Air Race/Show O Air Race/Show O Banner Tow O Business O Executive/Corporate O Windows 103, 133, 137 O Unknown O Unknown O Instructional O Other Work O Business O Personal O Positioning				
Revenue Sightseeing Flight	Air Medical Flight	O External Load O Skydiving				
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O Yes ⊙ No	O Yes ⊙ No					
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AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in Airport Name: Reigle Field Airport Identifier: 58N Proximity to Airport: Off Airport/Airstri Runway Information Runway ID: 31 (L/R/C) Length: 19 Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that a gray) A Grass/Turf Maca Gravel Meta Concrete Gravel Meta Dirt Gravel Snow	o Yes No if accident/incident occurred on app p On Airport/Airstrip ON/A 55 ft Width:ft apply) adam	Distance From Airport Center: 0.2 sm Direction From Airport: 300 degrees true Airport Elevation: 489 ft. msl 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				
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"FLIGHT CREWMEN	IBER 1" INF	ORMATIO	ON							
"Flight Crewmember 1" R	O Student Pilot	O Flight I	nstructor C	cident Check Pilot	O Fligh	t Engineer	O Other 1	Flight Crew		
"Flight Crewmember 1" w	as pilot flying	✓Yes □ N	No							
"Flight Crewmember 1" Io	lentification									
First Name: Geoffrey					City of Res	sidence: <u>Ca</u>	arlisle Barr	acks		
Middle Initial: <u>J</u>				S	State: PA			ZIP: <u>17013</u>		
Last Name: Jeram				(Country:	USA				
Age at time of	of Accident/Incide	ent: <u>49</u>	_ Date of B		196		m/dd/yyyy			
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Degree of Injury	Seat Occup	oied		Res	traint Ty	pe]	Inflatable F	Restraints
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Medical Certificate Specia	l Issuance									
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or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:	09/29/2016	Make:	Beechcraft							
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Airplane Rating(s)	Other Aircra		Instrum	ent Rating(s))	Instructo	r Rating(s)			
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 None Single-Engine Land Single-Engine Sea Multiengine Land Multiengine Sea 	☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☑ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lif	ì	☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift			□ None □ Instrument Airplane □ Airplane Single-Engine □ Instrument Helicopter □ Airplane Multi-Engine □ Helicopter □ Gyroplane □ Glider □ Powered Lift □ Sport				
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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION										
"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident OPilot OCo-Pilot OStudent Pilot OFlight Instructor OCheck Pilot OFlight Engineer OOther Flight Crew										
"Flight Crewmember 2" w	"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No									
"Flight Crewmember 2" I	dentification									
First Name:				_ C	ity of Re	esidence:				
Middle Initial:				St	tate:		Z	IP:		
Last Name:										
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Pilot Certificate(s) (Check ☐ None ☐ Fligh	t Instructor	mercial	☐ US Milita	rv	O 4-po		O 4-point		Deploye	-
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(Check all that apply)	(Check all that apply))	(Check all the	at apply)	(Check all that apply)					
☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land	☐ None ☐ Airship		□ None □ Airplane		☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine			e □	☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter	
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number of hours in each box)		Model		Multiengine	Night	t Actual	Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Than Air
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)									
Crew Name and Addi	ress						Seat Occupie	ed	Injury
Middle Initial:	_	State	State: ZIP:					O Front O Rear O Single O Unknown	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) None						Restraint Ty Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	pe: Used O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	Inflatable Restraints Not Installed Installed Not Deployed Deployed Unknown	
Crew Name and Addi	ress						Seat Occupie	ed	Injury
First Name: City of Residence: Middle Initial: State: ZIP: Last Name: Country:					OLeft OCenter ORight	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown			
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PASSENGER(S) /	OTHER PERSOI	NNEL (I	nclude c	abin crew; c	ontinue on s	eparate shee	t if necessary)		
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION								
Last Departure Point	Tim	e of Departure	Destination	on		Type Fligh	t Plan Filed	
Airport ID: N94	Time	14:57	Airport ID:	N94		⊙ None	O VFR/IFR	
City: Carlisle	1 ime	: 14:57	City: Carli	sle		O Company O Military		
State: PA	Time	Zone:EST	State: PA			O VFR	VI K O Olikilowii	
Country: USA			Country: U	SA		Activated?	OYes ONo OUnknown	
Type of ATC Clearance/Se	rvice (Check all that	apply)				<u> </u>	-	
□ VFR	Special VFR IFR	□ v̄F	ecial IFR R On Top		✓ VFR Flight Foll ☐ Traffic Advisory		☐ Cruise ☐ Unknown / NA	
Class B	☐Class G ☐Demo Area	□ Mil □ Air	itary Operations port Advisory A		☐Special ☐Air Traffic Cont	rol Area	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:	
☐ Class D	☐ Warning Area ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Restricted Area	□ Jet □ TR □ FA			□Unknown		ft msl	
WEATHER INFORM	ATION AT THE	ACCIDEN	T/INCIDEN	IT SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather In	formation	-		Weather Obs	servation Facility			
(Check all that apply)	- a			Facility ID:				
☐ National Weather Service☐ Flight Service Station	□ Com □ Mili			Observation Ti	me:			
TV/Radio	☐ Inter							
Automated Report	Non				Accident Site:			
☐ Commercial Weather Service ☐ On-Board Weather	e (DUATS)	nown			Accident Site:			
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O Unknown								
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ON/A	☐ Hail	☐ Snow Grain		ig Drizzle	☐ Blowing Sn		ce Fog	
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NOTAMs (D and FDC),	AIRMETS, SIGN	TETS, PIREP	s in effect at	the time of th	ne accident/incid	dent:		
None		,	311300 40					
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DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY										
Aircraft Dama	age	Aircraft Fire		Aircraft Explosion						
O None O Minor	SubstantialDestroyedUnknown	NoneIn-FlightOn-Ground	O Both Ground and In-Flight O Fire at Unknown Time O Unknown	NoneIn-FlightOn-Ground	O Both Ground and In-Flight O Explosion at Unknown Time O Unknown					

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

One destroyed propeller blade. Nose gear collapsed beneath aircraft bottom. Main gear bent rearward about 45 degrees at its two frame mounts. Damage to fuselage composite on belly near main undercarriage mount points. Damage to fuselage composite where nose gear crushed into belly (under right seat footwell). Right wingtip light plexiglass broken. Other possible damage possible to electrical wiring, and other systems mounted to cabin floor.

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 and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

On May 3, 2018, I intended to pilot N914BB from Carlisle Airport (N94) to Grimes Field (8N1), a distance of about 45 nm, and return within about 90 minutes. My preflight of the aircraft revealed no discrepancies. The engine oil level fell near the lower edge of the flat section of the oil reservoir dipstick, inside the lower bound of normal oil capacity for the engine and aircraft. Fueled to 26 gallons 93 octane MOGAS (of 27.5 usable). The weather was VMC throughout the flight, with clear skies and wind from the Southwest at about 5 to 10 knots across the area.

I took off from Carlisle Airport (N94) at 14:57 local (18:57 UTC) and arrived over at Grimes Field about 30 minutes later. I made one low approach and then approached and landed on runway 29. Without stopping the engine, I paused off the runway to program my return flight plan and leaned from the cockpit to visually check my nosewheel and fairing after the grass field landing. Both appeared normal and secure. I took off from Grimes runway 29 at 15:39 local (19:39 UTC).

During take-off and climb to 3,500 feet, I noticed that my engine provided about 32 to 33 psi Manifold Pressure, less than the normal continuous maximum of 35 psi. This was my first abnormal engine indication of the day. The power still maintained propeller speed at the normal 5500 RPM. There were no other abnormal engine indications, so I decided to continue to Carlisle Airport. I contacted Harrisburg Approach for flight following and clearance through the Harrisburg airspace. Harrisburg directed that I maintain 3,500 or above. About 14 minutes after take-off from Grimes, about 6 miles south of Muir AAF (MUI) and 3 miles north of Reigle Field (58N), I noticed that engine oil pressure was in the 30's (psi) and trending downward. Although, within limits, this was well below the engine's normal pressure of about 60 psi. As oil pressure dropped to 30psi, I advised Harrisburg Approach about my low oil indication and announced that I intended to divert to Hershey airport (meaning Reigle field) as a precaution. Harrisburg acknowledged as I turned southward, reduced power, and descended toward Reigle Field. With the aircraft maneuvering normally, under Harrisburg airspace, and with normal engine indications during the descent, except for the low oil pressure, I did not declare an emergency and did not need priority handling.

I visually identified Reigle Field by sighting its runway 31 as I overflew it southward. By this time, I had nearly reached traffic pattern altitude and had changed frequency from Harrisburg to Reigle's 122.8 Unicom. I retained my flight following squawk at Harrisburg's request. On Unicom, I announced my arrival and my progress around the traffic pattern to runway 31, but never received a reply. Neither did I see any aircraft flying near Reigle field or moving upon its runway or taxiways. As I turned left into the left downwind leg for runway 31, I observed a few seconds of white smoke coming from my engine and passing across my left wing. I believe I saw second puff of smoke several seconds later. I retarded throttle to idle position to decelerate during a continuous shallow descent onto base leg. I deployed half-flaps (about 5 seconds of electric flap actuation). As I turned to final leg about a mile from the runway, my airspeed was about 110 mph, when it should have been 90-100 mph and I recognized that the airplane carried too much energy for final approach. I ensured the throttle was full out, but by its sound, the engine seemed to operate at about 30% or more power. I judged that I could make the runway and, thinking of the possibility of an engine fire after the engine smoke I saw, I decided to not go around. I turned off the ignition to eliminate engine power and glide to the runway. This would have been about 5 to 10 seconds before touchdown.

I touched down at about a quarter distance into the runway, but lifted off briefly. I held the flaps-up switch as I planted the aircraft on the pavement by the runway mid-point and braked hard. The aircraft decelerated but continued beyond the end of the runway, up a shallow knoll, and down into a plowed dirt field. About 20 meters into the field, the nose wheel dug into the dirt and the aircraft came to rest with a nose down attitude. This was about 59 minutes after my take-off from Carlisle Airport (N94).

Once stopped, I turned off the master power, checked for any urgencies, such as fire, fuel spills, or movement. There were none. I turned off the secondary fuel pump and moved the fuel selector switch to closed. I dismounted normally. Some minutes later, after people arrived with a report that the aircraft's ELT was transmitting, I accessed the aft avionics bay, behind the seat-back, and turned off the ELT. I also disconnected the positive terminal of the battery to reduce the likelihood of electrical fire. The wings appeared secure and completely intact, but the aircraft came to rest with the right wing low and its right wing tank was slowly dripping fuel from the fuel vent at the wing tip. When the fire department personnel arrived, they accommodated my request to provide a portable catch basin to capture the leaking fuel.

The nose gear had collapsed rearward, but remained connected its mount at the base of the firewall, such that the nose wheel and its fairing had pierced belly of the fuselage, a few inches into the footwell in front of the right seat. The main gear mounts had bent rearward about 20 degrees. I believe the engine and propeller had stopped during deceleration on the runway with the propeller vertical, such that the bottom blade broke when the nose wheel collapsed.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?) Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation TENTATIVE conclusion and recommendation, based on this flight and previous observations of this aircraft. The Rotax 914 engine installation in N914BB, which conformed to Rotax 914 installation guidance, may leave too small a margin between minimum allowable level of oil capacity and the level where the engine oil system blows out excess oil as overflow. The oil reservoir should be more voluminous to allow a greater volume of oil expansion and contraction due to heat, oil aeration, or other effects without expelling normal capacity as excess during flight operations. The Rotax 914 oil system in this aircraft tended to expel capacity above the mid-normal range - even when using the Rotax recommended Aeroshell oil. If the engine consumes or leaks oil during flight, after it expels a portion of the nominal capacity, it may result in low oil volume that leads to low oil pressure in flight. Based on experience with this flight, I suspect that the loss of manifold pressure at high power levels, that is, a reduction from the design maximum manifold pressure below the 38 psi transient or 35 psi continuous, is an indicator of low oil capacity that precedes low oil pressure indications. I do not have a recommendation for the symptom of low- to mid-range engine power even with the throttle pulled full aft (lowest idle). My best guess, but a low probability one, is that an worn flake of engine exhaust wrap interfered with the throttle attachment to the engine. Several flights and weeks earlier, while examining the engine with the cowlings off, I found a large flake of engine exhaust wrap lodged where the throttle cable attached to the engine. I wondered whether the flake of exhaust wrap may have affected throttle responsiveness, but I hadn't noticed any abnormal throttle behavior during the flights immediately previous to that discovery. MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet) Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☑ No Total Time/Cycles (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.) On Part I am not certain that any mechanical malfunction or failure occurred during flight. __ Hours I believe the low oil pressure was due to low oil capacity, but I do not know whether or how the engine lost oil Cycles since the preflight only 60 minutes (40 minutes of flight time) previous to the indication. I do not Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled Hours **FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION** Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff Fuel Type (Convert from pounds, as necessary) O 80/87 O 115/145 O Jet B Other, specify <u>Automotive 93 octane</u> O 100 Low Lead O Jet A **O** JP8 Gallons **O** 100/130 O Jet A-1 O Automotive 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 The canopy unlatches at three points and the occupant slides it forward in its track. The occupant dismounts by raising himself off the seat, steping onto the wing-walk, and stepping off the wing rearward. OTHER AIRCRAFT - COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft) Damage to Other Aircraft Aircraft Registration Number | Manufacturer: ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor Model: ■ Substantial ☐ None

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