

**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: Hume State: NY
 ZIP: _____ Country: US
 Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time
 Date: 08/01/2019 Local Time: 7:45 pm
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: Eastern
Collision with Other Aircraft: Midair On-ground None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N6533Q
Manufacturer: Cameron
Model: AX-10
Serial Number: 6617
Year of Manufacture: 2011
Amateur-Built: Yes No *If Yes:* Kit/Plans Original Design Make: _____

IFR-Equipped and Certified
 Commercial Space Flight
 Unmanned Aircraft
Maximum Gross Weight: 3470 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3005 lbs
Number of Seats: 9 Flight Crew Seats: 1
 Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 8
Number of Engines: 0

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
 Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
 None
Special
 Restricted
 Limited
 Provisional
 Special Flight
 Experimental
 Special Light-Sport
 Experimental Light-Sport
 Unknown

Landing Gear
(Check all that apply)
 Retractable
 Tricycle
 Amphibian
 Emergency Float
 Float
 Hull
 Other Launch/Recovery System
 None
 Tailwheel
 High Skid
 Skid
 Ski
 Ski/Wheel
 Unknown

Engine Type *(Select one)*
 Reciprocating
 Turbo Shaft
 Turbo Prop
 Turbo Jet
 Turbo Fan
 Electric
 Liquid Rocket
 Solid Rocket
 Hybrid Rocket
 None
 Unknown
Fuel System Type *(Reciprocating)*
 Carburetor
 Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power <input type="radio"/> Horsepower or <input type="radio"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type
 100-Hour
 AAIP
 Annual
 Continuous Airworthiness
 Conditional Inspection
 Unknown
Date Last Inspection: 04/16/2019
mm/dd/yyyy
Airframe Total Time: 477.6 hrs
 hours measured at *(Select one)*
 Last Inspection Time of Accident/Incident

Propeller 1
 Fixed Pitch
 Controllable Pitch
 Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: _____
 Model: _____

Propeller 2
 Fixed Pitch
 Controllable Pitch
 Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: _____
 Model: _____

Type of Maintenance Program *(Select one)*
 Annual
 Conditional (Amateur-built only)
 Manufacturer's Inspection Program
 Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
 Continuous Airworthiness
 Other, specify: _____

ELT Installed: Yes No
If Yes:
ELT Manufacturer: _____
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:

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: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System
 None
 Specify: _____

Indicate Reason:
 Impact Damage
 Fire Damage
 Battery Expired/Damaged
 Unknown

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Finger Lakes Balloon Corp.City: GrovelandFractional Ownership Aircraft: Yes NoState: NY ZIP: 14462Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft** Same As Registered Owner Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Sean Patrick QuigleyCity: PortagevilleDoing Business As: n/aState: NY ZIP: 14536

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: N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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

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 Crosswind Unknown Final Aborted Landing (after touchdown)

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: _____ 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 <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="radio"/> Serious	Seat Occupied <input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Right <input checked="" type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Single	Restraint Type Available <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown Used <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Inflatable Restraints <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> US Military <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer			

Principal Occupation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Pilot <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Medical Certificate <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Class 3 <input type="radio"/> Class 1 <input type="radio"/> Driver’s License (Sport Pilot only) <input type="radio"/> Class 2 <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity <input type="radio"/> Without limitations/waivers <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> With limitations/waivers <input type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> Special Issuance	Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy
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Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: <u>03/27/2019</u> mm/dd/yyyy	Flight Review Aircraft Make: <u>Cameron</u> Model: <u>AX-5</u>
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Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Single-Engine Land <input type="checkbox"/> Single-Engine Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Multiengine Land <input type="checkbox"/> Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Airship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Single-Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Multi-Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Sport
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Type Ratings Commercial LTA Free Balloon	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	2,690	1000+			0	0	0	0	0	2690
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2690	1000+								2690
Time as Instructor	20	0								20
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	12	12								12
Last 30 Days	4	4								4
Last 24 Hours	0	0								0

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

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

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	<input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown
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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: <u>Susan</u> City: <u>Farmington</u> Middle Initial: <u>D.</u> State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>14425</u> Last Name: <u>DeGeorge</u> Country: <u>USA</u> <input type="radio"/> Crew <input checked="" type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Unknown Row: _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Available Used <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years If Under 5, <input type="radio"/> Child Restraint <input type="radio"/> Lap-Held <input type="radio"/> Unknown
First Name: <u>Joseph</u> City: <u>Farmington</u> Middle Initial: <u>R.</u> State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>14425</u> Last Name: <u>DeGeorge</u> Country: <u>USA</u> <input type="radio"/> Crew <input type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Unknown Row: _____	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input checked="" type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Available Used <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years If Under 5, <input type="radio"/> Child Restraint <input type="radio"/> Lap-Held <input type="radio"/> Unknown
First Name: <u>Benjamin</u> City: <u>Farmington</u> Middle Initial: <u>W.</u> State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>14425</u> Last Name: <u>DeGeorge</u> Country: <u>USA</u> <input type="radio"/> Crew <input type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Unknown Row: _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Available Used <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years If Under 5, <input type="radio"/> Child Restraint <input type="radio"/> Lap-Held <input type="radio"/> Unknown
First Name: <u>Dean</u> City: <u>White Plains</u> Middle Initial: _____ State: <u>NY</u> ZIP: <u>10603</u> Last Name: <u>Roseti</u> Country: _____ <input type="radio"/> Crew <input type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Unknown Row: _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Available Used <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years If Under 5, <input type="radio"/> Child Restraint <input type="radio"/> Lap-Held <input type="radio"/> Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>N/A</u> City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Time of Departure Time: <u>6:45 PM</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>N/a</u> City: <u>Letchowrth State Park</u> State: <u>NY</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> VFR/IFR <input type="radio"/> Company VFR <input type="radio"/> IFR <input type="radio"/> Military VFR <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> VFR Activated? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Special VFR	<input type="checkbox"/> Special IFR	<input type="checkbox"/> VFR Flight Following	<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise
<input type="checkbox"/> VFR	<input type="checkbox"/> IFR	<input type="checkbox"/> VFR On Top	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Advisory	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Class A	<input type="checkbox"/> Class G	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Operations Area (MOA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Special
<input type="checkbox"/> Class B	<input type="checkbox"/> Demo Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Advisory Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Traffic Control Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Class C	<input type="checkbox"/> Warning Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Jet Training Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Class D	<input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Area	<input type="checkbox"/> TRSA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class E	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Area	<input type="checkbox"/> FAR 93	

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Company</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Military</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> None</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather		Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KBUF</u> Observation Time: <u>2 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>50</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>290</u> degrees true
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Company												
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Military												
<input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet												
<input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report	<input type="checkbox"/> None												
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown												
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather													

Basic Conditions <input type="radio"/> VMC <input type="radio"/> IMC <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Light Condition <input type="radio"/> Dawn <input type="radio"/> Dusk <input type="radio"/> Dark Night <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> Night <input type="radio"/> Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition <input checked="" type="radio"/> Clear <input type="radio"/> Thin Broken <input type="radio"/> Few <input type="radio"/> Thin Overcast <input type="radio"/> Partial Obscuration <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl	Ceiling <input checked="" type="radio"/> None (Clear) <input type="radio"/> Obscured <input type="radio"/> Broken <input type="radio"/> Indefinite <input type="radio"/> Overcast <input type="radio"/> Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>80</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB
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Wind Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Variable -or- Direction: <u>220</u> degrees true	Wind Speed <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>5-6</u> kts	Wind Gusts <input type="checkbox"/> Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>+6</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:
None

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

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 launched from Letchworth State park at approximately 6:45 pm and was heading southwest at 220 degrees at approximately 5-6 mph which was in accordance with the forecast. Visibility was excellent and there were no adverse conditions. At approximately 500 ft. AGL, I noticed that we had picked up speed. Passengers commented that they saw trees and leaves below us circling in a counter clockwise motion. I recognized this to be the sign of a thermal. I was then traveling at 15 mph. I descended to hopefully obtain slower speed. Above tree top level, I was driven down into the tree branches all the while applying both burners. We went into the branches about 7 feet and then ascended. The balloon began to shutter and spiral. After a couple of minutes I was able to obtain level flight. I radioed to the two nearby balloon pilots that I believed that I had encountered a thermal. A ground crew person stated afterward that he saw the side of the balloon envelope cave in. This wasn't noticeable from inside the basket.

My thoughts were to get the balloon down safely as soon as possible. I descended to a wooded area with a large hayfield on the downwind side which I planned to land in. The woods would normally act as a wind brake for the balloon. Again I was driven down into the tree branches. When I got over the hayfield, I descended and bounced hard in the field. I had instructed all the passengers to get down into the basket as I had demonstrated to them before take off. The balloon ascended to about 10 feet as I deflated the envelope. We hit down hard once more and the balloon deflated. The basket remained upright. Several passengers complained of soreness but stated that they were fine. One gentleman, Joseph DeGeorge said that he had hurt his ankle and could not stand up. His son called 911 and in a very short time, New York State Troopers and EMT's arrived. Mr. DeGeorge was transported to an area hospital where xrays showed that he indeed has a fractured ankle.

There were three balloons flying from the same site from Letchworth Park that evening. One has a hard landing with some minor injuries. The third balloon was able to descend into a valley and experienced a normal landing. His phone app which recorded his flight showed a maximum speed of 32.8 MPH.

All passengers received a 10 minute briefing by Carroll Teitworth, pilot prior to flight. I then gave them another briefing prior to takeoff once they were in the basket including a physical demonstration of how to prepare for landing.

I believe that the cause of the accident was a thermal which I had not encountered before in 32 years of flying hot air balloons. The turbulence and the extreme downdraft made controlling the aircraft very difficult.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

There was a near perfect forecast that evening for flying balloons. I realize that thermals are not something that can be forecasted. We had not had rain in a couple of weeks prior. I do know that dry air heats more quickly than moist air. This may have been a contributing factor.

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)

70 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

80/87 115/145 Jet B Other, specify Propane _____
 100 Low Lead Jet A JP8
 100/130 Jet A-1 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

No one exited the basket until the balloon envelope had completely deflated.

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.

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS:

Sharon Weiss, White Plains, NY 10603

John Fiscoe, Clay, NY

Virginnia Fiscoe, Clay, NY

Jeff Fiscoe, Clay, NY

All with no injuries.

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

Date of this Report

08/12/2019
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Sean Patrick Quigley

Signature: _____

-- or -- Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____

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