

**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: Lake Guntersville State: AL
 ZIP: 35976 Country: United States
 Latitude: 34.39 Longitude: -86.32
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time
 Date: 05/15/2020 Local Time: Approx. 1845
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: CDT
Collision with Other Aircraft: Midair On-ground None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N990HP
Manufacturer: Aviat Aircraft Inc.
Model: A-1B
Serial Number: 2109
Year of Manufacture: 2000
Amateur-Built: Yes No *If Yes:* Kit/Plans Original Design Make: _____

IFR-Equipped and Certified
 Commercial Space Flight
 Unmanned Aircraft
Maximum Gross Weight: 2200 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2165 lbs
Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: _____
 Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____
Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft
 Airplane
 Balloon
 Blimp/Dirigible
 Glider
 Gyroplane
 Helicopter
 Powered Lift
 Rocket
 Ultralight
 Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)
Standard **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
 Tricycle Tailwheel
 Amphibian High Skid
 Emergency Float Skid
 Float Ski
 Hull Ski/Wheel
 Other Launch/Recovery System
 None Unknown

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

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power <input checked="" type="radio"/> Horsepower or <input type="radio"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Textron Lycoming	O-360-A1P	L-37657-36A	06/29/2000	180	1703.1	99.2	N/A
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type
 100-Hour Continuous Airworthiness
 AAIP Conditional Inspection
 Annual Unknown
Date Last Inspection: 06/26/2019
mm/dd/yyyy
Airframe Total Time: 1854.8 hrs
 hours measured at *(Select one)*
 Last Inspection Time of Accident/Incident

Propeller 1 Fixed Pitch
 Controllable Pitch
 Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: MT-Propeller
 Model: MTV-15-B

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: Ameriking
Model or Part No.: AK-451-(AF)(AP)(S)-2
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: Dotson, Brandon NCity: HuntsvilleFractional Ownership Aircraft: Yes NoState: AL ZIP: 35801Country: United States**Operator of Aircraft** Same As Registered Owner Same Address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

City: _____

Doing Business As: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Country: _____

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: Guntersville Municipal - Joe Starnes FieldDistance From Airport Center: 4 smAirport Identifier: 8A1Direction From Airport: 245 degrees trueProximity to Airport: Off Airport/Airstrip On Airport/Airstrip N/AAirport Elevation: 615 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 2” INFORMATION

“Flight Crewmember 2” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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 <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Serious	Seat Occupied <input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Single	Restraint Type <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> None</td> <td><input type="radio"/> None</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Lap only</td> <td><input type="radio"/> Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 3-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 4-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 5-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Unknown</td> <td><input type="radio"/> Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	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
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Pilot Certificate(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <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																	

Principal Occupation <input type="radio"/> Pilot <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Medical Certificate <input 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: _____ mm/dd/yyyy	Flight Review Aircraft Make: _____ Model: _____
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Airplane Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input 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) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Airship <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Single-Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Multi-Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Sport
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Type Ratings _____	Student Endorsements <i>(Include dates)</i> _____
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Flight Time <i>(Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)</i>	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						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)

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
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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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	

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>Cody</u> City : <u>Fort Worth</u> Middle Initial: <u>J</u> State: <u>TX</u> ZIP: <u>76177</u> Last Name: <u>Murtle</u> Country: <u>United States</u> <input type="radio"/> Crew <input checked="" type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input 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 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 checked="" 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: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ <input type="radio"/> Crew <input type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input 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 type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	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	<input 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
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>8A1</u> City: <u>Guntersville</u> State: <u>AL</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1800-1815L</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KHSV</u> City: <u>Huntsville</u> State: <u>AL</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Company VFR <input type="radio"/> Military VFR <input type="radio"/> VFR <input type="radio"/> VFR/IFR <input type="radio"/> IFR <input type="radio"/> Unknown 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 checked="" 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 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station <input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) <input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather <input type="checkbox"/> Company <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KHSV</u> Observation Time: <u>2253</u> Time Zone: <u>Zulu</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>29</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>300</u> degrees true
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Basic Conditions <input checked="" type="radio"/> VMC <input type="radio"/> IMC <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Light Condition <input type="radio"/> Dawn <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> Dusk <input type="radio"/> Night <input type="radio"/> Dark Night <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition <input type="radio"/> Clear <input type="radio"/> Few <input type="radio"/> Partial Obscuration <input checked="" type="radio"/> Scattered <input type="radio"/> Thin Broken <input type="radio"/> Thin Overcast <input type="radio"/> Unknown Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>5,500</u> ft agl	Ceiling <input checked="" type="radio"/> None (Clear) <input type="radio"/> Broken <input type="radio"/> Overcast <input type="radio"/> Obscured <input type="radio"/> Indefinite <input type="radio"/> Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: <u>27</u> (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: <u>16</u> (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>29.99</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
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Wind Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Variable -or- Direction: <u>190</u> degrees true	Wind Speed <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>5</u> kts	Wind Gusts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>2,312</u> ft
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Intensity of Precipitation <input type="radio"/> Light <input type="radio"/> Moderate <input type="radio"/> Heavy <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/> Hail <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Showers <input type="checkbox"/> Drizzle <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Pellets <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Grains <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Crystals <input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shower <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets Shower <input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Drizzle	Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Dust <input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Snow <input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Spray <input type="checkbox"/> Dust <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Haze <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

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- 2) 9/7316 8A1 IAP GUNTERSVILLE MUNI - JOE STARNES FIELD, Guntersville, AL.RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, ORIG-A...CIRCLING CAT A MDA 1360/HAA 745.1905311941-2105311940EST
- 3) 05/263 8A1 OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1229582) 342151.80N0855910.20W (13.8NM E 8A1) 1497.0FT (350.1FT AGL) U/S

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

- None Substantial
 Minor Destroyed
 Unknown

Aircraft Fire

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

Aircraft Explosion

- None Both Ground and In-Flight
 In-Flight Explosion at Unknown Time
 On-Ground Unknown

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

Sudden stoppage of engine and propeller, shattered propeller, shattered windshield, aircraft inverted and submerged in freshwater for approximately 5-6 hours, water damage to avionics and electrical systems, dented/shattered front engine cowling, dented left and right wing, two bent wing struts on the right wing, cracked ceiling glass, torn and bent fabric on right side of the elevator (from recovery operations), missing plastic molding on front of the left float, dents in aircraft body beneath cockpit and engine compartment.

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.

On 15MAY20, Cody Murtle and I departed KHSV on RWY18R at roughly 1430L. After departing KHSV, we were switched from Huntsville Tower to Huntsville departure for VFR flight following, and proceeded towards Lake Guntersville following a very similar route of flight from the day prior. We initially climbed to 2,500 ft MSL and followed the Tennessee River towards Lake Guntersville. Once we had Lake Guntersville in sight, we canceled flight following with Huntsville departure, switched to the K8A1 CTAF, and began a slow descent to roughly 1,300ft. After arriving at the lake, we completed roughly 8-10 successful water landings and takeoffs on Lake Guntersville, to include the location of the future accident site, just as we had done the day prior. We then anchored on the water for a few hours, and went swimming. After that, we pulled up the anchor and took off from the water just before 1800L, and flew to K8A1 for self-refuel, and landed on RWY25.

After a quick refuel, we conducted a straight-out departure on RWY25 from K8A1 sometime after 1800-1815L, and returned to the larger portion of the lake where we had been conducting water takeoffs and landings. We began flying around the larger portion of the lake, and decided to complete a couple more landings before heading back to KHSV. We conducted a least two low passes over the intended landing area, which was in the middle of the larger portion of the lake, looking for logs or obstacles. Without seeing any hazards, we completed a left turn onto a downwind leg. We began climbing back up on the downwind leg in preparation for the water landing. I instructed Cody to pull out the checklist for a before landing check.

At this point, we were completing a turn from downwind to base, and a speed boat had crossed from our right to left behind us, moving quickly across the intended point of landing. The boat was headed North-West along the marked shipping channel in Lake Guntersville. While the boat itself wasn't a direct hazard, I recall mentioning to Cody that I was going to have to adjust our intended landing point to beyond the boat's wake. With this distraction we returned to the checklist to apply the carb heat, set the propeller to full RPM, and add two notches of flaps. At this point, we were turning base to final into the light winds (roughly south – southwest on the heading). I was explaining that I was adding some power in order to extend the landing point, and that there was plenty of room given the large open area of this portion of the lake. In this distraction, with both of us focused on the wake, the boat, and the new landing location, I do not recall verifying if the gear was up, and I now believe we likely missed this step in the checklist leading up to this point.

We continued a stable approach down into ground effect and began to dissipate airspeed for a normal water landing. It was roughly 1845L as we were touching down, and the aircraft experienced a very hard and violate landing, with a very rapid nose down pitch rate. I distinctly remember pulling full aft stick in order to attempt to arrest this nose down motion, but was unable to stop it. Within an instant, we were violently flipped upside down in the water. I initially believed we had just caught the front edge of our floats on the water in a hard landing, but after reviewing the accident and talking with Cody, I do not remember verifying that the landing gear was in fact retracted. In hindsight, the response of the aircraft upon landing would point to this as well. I remember the front windshield bursting and water rushing into the cockpit. Both of us were able to undo our seatbelts and exit the aircraft unharmed with only minor scratches and bruises.

Once on the surface, we immediately checked each other to see if the other person was unharmed. We then climbed on the now inverted floats to get out of the water and signal for a nearby boat for rescue. After several minutes, boats began showing up to assist. We first boarded a fishing boat, before being passed off to the Fire Department, then to the Marine Patrol, and finally the Alabama State Troopers. Because the airplane was now floating inverted in the shipping channel, the Alabama State Trooper used his boat and pulled the upside-down aircraft to the nearest bridge. From there, a large crane was used to pick the aircraft out of the water, placed it on a flatbed truck, and it was eventually taken to a salvage yard in Guntersville for storage. The State Trooper drove both of us back to Huntsville late that evening, and neither of us had any injuries.

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

After reviewing the circumstances that ultimately led to this accident, I believe this accident could have been avoided by re-initiating and verifying all of the items in the before-landing checklist following an interruption/distraction.

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

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

Total Time/Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

20 Gallons**Fuel Type** 80/87 115/145 Jet B Other, specify _____ 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

The cockpit door and window on the right side of the aircraft were both open during flight as well as during the accident (normal for this aircraft design), and both remained open while landing. While inverted and underwater, both individuals released their seat belts and exited through this opening on the right side of the aircraft.

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.

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

Date of this Report

05/22/2020
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Brandon N Dotson

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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Name of Investigator
Eric M. Gutierrez

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