

FORM APPROVED FOR USE THROUGH 7/31/98 BY OMB NO.3147-0001.

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT**
This form To Be Used For Reporting Civil Aircraft Accidents
Involving Commercial and General Aviation Aircraft

Location				
Nearest City/Place, State, Zip Code Arrow Bear Lake, CA 92382		Date of Accident 09/21/05	Local Time (24 HOUR CLOCK) 1015	Zone PDT
Elevation At Accident Site 6662 Feet MSL Feet MSL				
If The Accident Occurred On Approach, Takeoff or Within 3 Miles of An Airport, Complete The Following Information				
Proximity To Airport				
1. ☐ On Approach		3. ☐ Within 1/2 Mile		5. ☐ Within 1 Mile
2. ☐ Within 1/4 Mile		4. ☐ Within 3/4 Mile		6. ☐ Within 2 Miles
				7. ☐ Within 3 Miles
				8. ☒ Beyond 3 Miles
Airport Name		Airport Ident	Runway/Landing Surface Conditions:	
			1. ☐ Direction: 3. ☐ Width: 5. ☐ Condition:	
			2. ☐ Length: 4. ☐ Surface:	
Phase Of Operation:				
1. ☐ Standing		3. ☐ Takeoff	5. ☐ Cruise	7. ☐ Approach
2. ☐ Taxi		4. ☒ Climb	6. ☐ Descent	8. ☐ Landing
				9. ☐ Hover/Maneuver
				10. ☐ Altitude Of In-Flight Occurrence _____ Feet MSL
Aircraft Information				
Registration Mark N814CE	Aircraft Manufacturer American Eurocopter	Aircraft Type/Model AS350B-3	Serial Number 3847	Cert Max Gross WT 6173
Type Of Aircraft		Type Of Airworthiness Certificate		Amateur Built
1. ☐ Airplane		5. ☐ Blimp/Dirigible		1. ☐ Yes
2. ☒ Helicopter		6. ☐ Ultralight		2. ☒ No
3. ☐ Glider		7. ☐ Gyroplane		
4. ☐ Balloon		8. ☐ Specify _____		
		1. ☒ Normal		
		2. ☐ Utility		
		3. ☐ Acrobatic		
		4. ☐ Transport		
		5. ☐ Restricted		
		6. ☐ Limited		
		7. ☐ Experimental		
		8. ☐ Specify _____		
Landing Gear				No. Of Seats
1. ☐ Tricycle—Fixed				Flight/Cabin
2. ☐ Tricycle—Retractable				Crew _____
3. ☐ Tailwheel—Fixed				Pax _____
4. ☐ Tailwheel—Retractable				
5. ☐ Tailwheel—Retractable Main				
6. ☐ Amphibian				
7. ☒ Skid				
8. ☐ Limited				
9. ☐ Specify _____				
Stall Warning System Installed		IFR Equipped	Engine Type	
1. ☐ Yes		1. ☐ Yes	1. ☐ Reciprocating—Carburetor	
2. ☒ No		2. ☒ No	2. ☐ Reciprocating—Fuel Injected	
			3. ☐ Turbo Prop	
			4. ☐ Turbo Jet	
			5. ☐ Turbo Fan	
			6. ☒ Turbo Shaft	
Engine Manufacturer		Engine Model/Series	Engine Rated Power	Type Of Fire Extinguishing System Used
Turbomeca		Arriel 2 B	1. 728 Horsepower	1. None
			2. _____ Lbs Thrust	2. Specify Hand
Engine(s)	Date of Mfg.	Mfg. Serial No.	Total Time	Time Since Inspection
Engine No. 1	05/12/04	22472	320.3 Hours	24.6 Hours
Engine No. 2			Hours	Hours
Engine No. 3			Hours	Hours
Engine No. 4			Hours	Hours
Type Of Maintenance Program		Type Of Last Inspection		Date Last Inspection Performed
1. ☐ Annual		1. ☐ Annual		08/30/05 (M/D/Y)
2. ☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program		2. ☒ 100 Hours		Time Since Last Inspection
3. ☐ Other Approved Inspection Program(AAIP)		3. ☐ AAIP		24.6 Hours
4. ☐ Continuous Airworthiness		4. ☐ Continuous Airworthiness		Airframe Total Time
5. ☐ Specify _____				320.3 Hours
Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)	ELT Manufacturer	Model/Series	Serial Number	Battery Date
	Kannad	121 AF-H	M0685-0027	(M/D/Y) 5/2010
	Switch	Operated	Aided In Accident Location	
	1. ☐ On 2. ☐ Off 3. ☒ Armed	1. ☒ Yes 2. ☐ No	1. ☐ Yes 2. ☒ No	
Registered Aircraft Owner		Address		
ICX Corporation		2 Summit Park Drive #300 Cleveland, OH 44131		
Operator Of Aircraft		Address		
1. ☐ Same As Registered Owner		1. ☐ Same As Registered Owner		
2. Name Southern California Edison		2. 2161 E Avion St.		
3. DBS:		Ontario, CA 91761		

Owner / Operator Information (cont.)											
Operator (Certificate Number)			Operator Designator (4 Letter Designator)								
Purpose Of Flight And Type Of Operation											
Regulation Flight Conductor Under 1. ☐ FAR91 (only) 4. ☐ FAR 121 7. ☒ FAR 133 2. ☐ FAR91D 5. ☐ FAR 125 8. ☐ FAR 135 3. ☐ FAR 103 6. ☐ FAR 129 9. ☐ FAR 137					Operator Authority FAR121 1. ☐ Domestic 2. ☐ Flag 3. ☐ Supplemental FAR 135 4. ☐ On Demand 5. ☐ Commuter			FAR 133 6. ☒ Rotorcraft External Load FAR125 7. ☐ Large Aircraft FAR 129 8. ☐ Foreign		FAR 121, 125, 127, 129, 135 Revenue Operations 1. ☐ Scheduled 2. ☐ Non Scheduled 3. ☐ Domestic 4. ☐ International 5. ☐ Passenger 6. ☐ Cargo 7. Specify _____	
Purpose of Flight 1. ☐ Personal 6. ☐ Aerial Observation 2. ☐ Business 7. ☐ Other Work Use 3. ☐ Educational 8. ☐ Public Use 4. ☐ Executive/Corporate 9. ☐ Ferry 5. ☒ Aerial Application 10. ☐ Positioning											
Pilot Information											
Pilot Name Randy D Cormey			Pilot Certificate No. [REDACTED]		Address Riverside, CA 92503			Nationality USA			
Certificate (s) 1. ☐ Student 3. ☒ Commercial 5. ☒ Flight Instructor 7. ☐ Military 9. ☐ None 2. ☐ Private 4. ☐ Airline Transport 6. ☐ Flight Engineer 8. ☐ Foreign 10. Specify _____											
Rating (s) 1. ☐ None 6. ☒ Helicopter 2. ☐ Single Engine Land 7. ☐ Glider 3. ☐ Single Engine Sea 8. ☐ Free Balloon 4. ☐ Multiengine Land 9. ☐ Airship 5. ☐ Multiengine Sea 10. ☐ Gyroplane			Instrument Rating (s) 1. ☐ None 2. ☐ Airplane 3. ☒ Helicopter			Instructor Rating (s) 1. ☒ None 6. ☐ Instrument Airplane 2. ☐ Airplane S.E. 7. ☐ Instrument Helicopter 3. ☐ Airplane M.E. 8. ☐ Ground Instructor 4. ☒ Helicopter 9. ☐ Specify _____ 5. ☐ Glider					
Type Ratings/Student Endorsements			Date Of Biennial Flight Review or Equivalent (M/D/Y) 12/15/04			BFR Aircraft 1. Make American Euro 2. Model AS350B-3					
Medical Certificate 1. ☐ None 3. ☐ Class 2 2. ☒ Class 1 4. ☐ Class 3			Date Of Last Medical (M/D/Y) 09/14/05		Limitations glasses			Date Of Birth (M/D/Y) [REDACTED]			
Degree Of Injury 1. ☐ None 2. ☐ Minor 3. ☒ Serious 4. ☐ Fatal			Seat Occupied 1. ☒ Left 4. ☐ Front 2. ☐ Right 5. ☐ Rear 3. ☐ Center		Person At Controls At Time Of Accident 1. ☒ Pilot In Control 4. ☐ Non-Pilot 2. ☐ Second Pilot 5. ☐ No One 3. ☐ Both Pilots			Seat Belt Available 1. ☒ Yes 2. ☐ No			
Seat Belt Used 1. ☒ Yes 2. ☐ No		Shoulder Harness Available 1. ☒ Yes 2. ☐ No		Shoulder Harness Used 1. ☐ Yes 2. ☒ No		Source Of Pilot Flight Time Information 1. ☐ Pilot Logbook 4. ☒ Company 2. ☐ Operators Estimate 5. ☐ Specify _____ 3. ☐ FAA Records					
Flight Time		All A/C	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
Total Time		10765	187			416	512	25	10765		
Pilot In Command (PIC)		10765	187			416	512	25	10765		
Instructor											
This Make & Model						0	0	0			
Last 90 Days		110	76			0	0	1	110		
Last 30 Days		57	42			0	0	1	57		
Last 24 Hours		1				0	0	0	1		
Second Pilot Information											
Second Pilot Responsibilities At The Time Of Accident 1. ☐ Co-Pilot 2. ☐ Dual Student 3. ☐ Safety Pilot 4. ☐ Check Pilot 5. ☐ None (Pilot-Rated Passenger)											
Pilot Name			Pilot Certificate No.		Address			Nationality			
Certificate (s) 1. ☐ Student 3. ☐ Commercial 5. ☐ Flight Instructor 7. ☐ Military 9. None 2. ☐ Private 4. ☐ Airline Transport 6. ☐ Flight Engineer 8. ☐ Foreign 10. Specify _____											

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Total Time											
Pilot In Command (PIC)											
Instructor											
This Make & Model											
Last 90 Days											
Last 30 Days											
Last 24 Hours											
Other Personnel											
Name	Seat	Address (City & State)	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
1.											
2.											
3.											
4.											
5.											
6.											
Flight Itinerary Information											
Last Departure Point		Time Of Departure		Destination		Flight Plan Filed					
1. Airport ID <u>LZ</u>		1. Time <u>1015</u>		1. Airport ID <u>LZ</u>		1. ☒ None					
2. City/Place <u>Snow Valley</u>		2. Time Zone <u>PDT</u>		2. City/Place <u>Snow Valley</u>		2. ☐ VFR					
3. State <u>CA</u>				3. State <u>CA</u>		3. ☐ IFR					
						4. ☐ VFR/IFR					
						5. ☐ Company (VFR)					
						6. ☐ Military (VFR)					
If Weather Was Involved, State If Weather Briefing Was Obtained or If Weather Reports Were Checked And How It Was Accomplished											
Fuel On Board At Last Takeoff <u>70</u> Gallons or Pounds				Fuel Type 1. ☐ 80/87 2. ☐ 100 Low Lead 3. ☐ 100/130 4. ☐ 115/145 5. ☒ Jet A 6. ☐ Automotive 7. Specify _____							
Other Services, If Any, Prior to Departure											
Weather Information At The Accident Site											
Source Of Weather Information (Pilot/Operator, Weather Observation) <u>Pilot/Operator</u>			Light Condition 1. ☐ Dawn 2. ☒ Daylight 3. ☐ Dusk 4. ☐ Bright Night 5. ☐ Dark Night			Visibility <u>unlimited</u> Miles		Temp (°F) <u>70</u>			

Weather Information At The Accident Site (cont.)							
Dew Point ("F")	Altimeter Setting "Hg	Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition 1. ☒ Clear 2. ☐ Scattered _____ Feet AGL 3. ☐ Broken _____ Feet AGL 4. ☐ Overcast _____ Feet AGL 5. ☐ Partial Obscuration 6. ☐ Obscured					
Wind Information 1. Direction _____ 2. Velocity _____ Kts 3. Gusts _____ Kts		Restriction To Visibility 	Type Precipitation 				
Turbulence (Multiple Entry) 1. ☒ None 2. ☐ Light 3. ☐ Moderate 4. ☐ Severe 5. ☐ Extreme 6. ☐ Clean Air 7. ☐ In Clouds		Intensity Of Precipitation 1. ☐ Light 3. ☐ Heavy 2. ☐ Moderate 4. Specify _____					
Damage To Aircraft And Other Property							
Degree Of Aircraft Damage 1. ☐ None 2. ☐ Minor 3. ☐ Substantial 4. ☒ Destroyed			Fire 1. ☒ Yes 3. ☐ In-Flight 2. ☐ No 4. ☒ On Ground				
Description Of Damage To Aircraft And Other Property							
Mechanical Malfunction Failure							
1. ☒ No 2. ☐ Yes List The Name Of The Part, Manufacturer, Part No., Serial No. And Describe The Failure none noted		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Total Time</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> On Part _____ Hours </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> At Overhaul _____ Hours </td> </tr> </table>		Total Time		On Part _____ Hours	At Overhaul _____ Hours
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Collision Accident							
If Collision Accident Occurred, Complete The Information For Other Aircraft							
Registration Mark	Aircraft Manufacturer	Aircraft Type/Model	Degree Of Aircraft Damage 1. ☐ Destroyed 3. ☐ Minor 2. ☐ Substantial 4. ☐ None				
Registered Aircraft Owner		Address					
Pilot Name		Address	Pilot Certificate No.				
Evacuation Of Aircraft							
Assistance Received 1. ☒ Outside Person (s) 3. ☐ Slide 5. ☐ Ladder 2. ☐ Auxiliary Lighting 4. ☐ Rope 6. ☐ Specify _____							
Method Of Exit (State Approximate Number Of Persons Using Each Of The Following) 1. Main Door <u> 1 </u> 2. Auxiliary Door _____ 3. Emergency Exit _____							
Recommendation (How Could This Accident Have Been Prevented)							
Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation (Optional Entry)							

Additional Flight Crew Members			
For Each Additional Flight Crew Member, Exclusive Of Cabin Attendants Complete The Following Information			
Name	FAA Certificate No.	Address	Title
Certificate(s) 1. ☐ Student 2. ☐ Private 3. ☐ Commercial 4. ☐ Airline Transport 5. ☐ Flight Instructor 6. ☐ Flight Engineer 7. ☐ Foreign 8. Specify _____			
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Narrative History Of Flight

Describe What Occurred In Chronological Order, The Circumstances Leading To The Accident And The Nature Of The Accident. Describe The Terrain And Include A Sketch Of Wreckage Distribution If Pertinent. Attach Extra Sheets If Needed. State Point Of Departure, Time Of Departure, Intended Destination And Services Obtained.

Aircraft was performing external load operations at a field site between Running Springs and Snow Valley Recreation Area. Pilot had just set a steel cage at a pole site location; the load was released. As the aircraft departed the area, the main rotor blades impacted a tree branch approximately 80-90' AGL.

Pilot lost control of the aircraft after the blade strike, and the aircraft began to rotate, striking several trees with the main rotor blades as it descended between the trees. The aircraft impacted the ground at a 45° nose-low attitude, coming to rest with the right aft passenger side on a large rock.

There was a post-crash fire in the engine compartment, extinguished by the ground and support crews with the on-board fire extinguisher, a larger fire extinguisher, and shoveled dirt.

Pilot was in and out of consciousness and was removed from aircraft by ground personnel.

Terrain - mountainous and wooded

Aircraft wreckage - contained to impact site

I Herby Certify That The Above Information Is Complete And Accurate To The Best Of My Knowledge

Date Of This Report
09/23/05

Signature

Signature Of Person Filling Report Other Than Pilot/Operator

1. Signature

2. Type Or Print Name Arthur L Bradbury

3. Title Manager, Aircraft Operations

For NTSB Use Only

NTSB Accident No.

LAX05LA308

Reviewed By NTSB Office Located At

SWEA

Name Of Investigator

MCKENNY

Date Report Received

9-23-05