

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
NTSB Form 6120.1
PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

Email the pilot/operator aircraft accident/incident report to the investigator-in-charge of your accident/incident. If email is not available, mail the report per the instructions below.

If your accident/incident occurred in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands, send the form to: NTSB, ERA, 45065 Riverside Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147.

If your accident/incident occurred in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, or New Mexico, send the form to: NTSB, CEN, 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80239.

If your accident/incident occurred in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, or the territories of Guam or American Samoa, send the form to: NTSB, WPR, 505 South 336th Street, Suite 540, Federal Way, WA 98003.

If your accident/incident occurred in Alaska, send the form to: NTSB, ANC, 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 216, Box 11, Anchorage, AK 99513.

Rules pertaining to notification of aircraft accidents and incidents, as well as overdue aircraft are found in 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 830 http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfr830_main_02.tpl. These rules state the authority of the NTSB, define accidents, incidents, injuries, and other terms, and provide procedures for initial and immediate notification of accidents and incidents by aircraft pilots/operators.

A. APPLICABILITY

The pilot/operator of an aircraft shall send a report to the office listed above, based on accident/incident location; immediate notification is required by 49 CFR 830.5(a). **The report shall be filed within 10 days after an accident for which notification is required by Section 830.5, or after 7 days if an overdue aircraft is still missing.**

An aircraft accident, as defined in 49 CFR 830.2, is determined as an occurrence that involves a fatality or serious injury, or substantial damage to the aircraft. For occurrences that do not involve a fatality, the determination that the occurrence is an accident can be appealed by writing to the Director, Office of Aviation Safety, NTSB, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOTS/OPERATORS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

It is necessary that ALL questions on this report be answered completely and accurately.

If more space is needed, continue on a blank sheet of paper.

Nearest City/Place: Use the name of the nearest community in the state where the accident/incident occurred.

Date/Time: Indicate the date and local time of the event. Be sure to indicate the time zone.

Phase of Operation: Indicate the phase of operation during which the accident/incident occurred.

Aircraft Information: Enter aircraft make and model information as indicated on the aircraft registration certificate, including series. If the involved aircraft is certified as "amateur-built," include the name of the producer of the kit or plans, unless an NTSB employee instructs otherwise.

Maximum Gross Weight: Enter the certificated maximum gross weight for the aircraft involved in the occurrence. This should be the same as the maximum gross weight indicated on the aircraft weight and balance documents.

Engine: Enter engine make and model information as indicated on the engine data plate.

The NTSB uses this form for aircraft accident prevention activities and for statistical purposes. NTSB regulations (49 CFR Part 830) require that **ALL** questions be answered completely and accurately. Completion of this form will take approximately 60 minutes. The NTSB does not guarantee the privacy of any information provided in this form. You need not complete this form unless it displays a valid OMB control number, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.5(b), which applies to this collection of information.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. "Aircraft Accident" means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death, or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage. For purposes of this form, the definition of "aircraft accident" includes "unmanned aircraft accident," as defined at 49 CFR 830.2.

2. "Substantial Damage" means damage or failure that adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and that would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. NOTE: Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairing or cowling, dented skin, small puncture holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wing tips are not considered "substantial damage" for purposes of this report.

3. "Operator" means any person who causes or authorizes the operation of an aircraft, such as the owner, lessee, or bailee of an aircraft.

4. "Fatal Injury" means any injury that results in death within thirty (30) days of the accident.

5. "Serious Injury" means any injury that (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fracture of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage; (4) involves injury to any internal organ; or (5) involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

Type of Fire Extinguishing System: If a fire extinguishing system was used to fight an aircraft fire, specify the type(s) of extinguishing system(s) used. Examples include handheld extinguisher, engine fire bottle, cargo/baggage compartment fire suppression system, or airport emergency ground equipment.

Owner/Operator Information: Enter the owner information as shown on the registration certificate. Commercial operators, enter the operator information, including "doing business as" when applicable, as shown on the operator certificate.

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: Indicate whether the accident aircraft was conducting **revenue** sightseeing operations under 14 CFR Part 91 at the time of the accident.

Air Medical Flight: Indicate whether the accident flight was being conducted for the purpose of carrying medical personnel, patient(s), or organs.

Public Aircraft: Federal, state or local government flight operations such as official travel, law-enforcement, low-level observation, aerial application, firefighting, search and rescue, biological or geological resource management, or aeronautical research. Indicate whether the flight was conducted by the armed forces, federal, state, or local government.

Purpose of Flight: 14 CFR Parts 91, 103, 133, 136, and 137: Indicate the type of operation that was being conducted at the time of the occurrence using the following definitions:

AERIAL APPLICATION--Operations using an aircraft to perform aerial application or dispersion of any substance. Examples include agricultural, health, forestry, cloud seeding, firefighting, insect control, etc.

AERIAL OBSERVATION--These flights include aerial mapping/photography, patrol, search and rescue, hunting, highway traffic advisory, ranching, surveillance, oil and mineral exploration, criminal pursuit, fish spotting, etc.

AIR DROP--Aerial operations, other than aerial application, that are intended to release items in flight.

AIR RACE/SHOW--Includes any flight operations conducted as part of an organized air race or public demonstration.

BUSINESS--includes all personal flying without a paid professional crew for reasons associated with furthering a business, including transportation to and from business meetings or work. This does not include corporate/executive operations, air taxi, or commuter operations.

EXECUTIVE/CORPORATE--Company flying with a paid, professional crew.

FERRY--Non-revenue flight under a special flight or "ferry" permit. Refer to 14 CFR 21.197 for details of special flight permit issuance.

FLIGHT TEST--Flight for the purpose of investigating the flight characteristics of an aircraft/aircraft component or evaluating an applicant for a pilot certificate or rating.

INSTRUCTIONAL--Flying while under the supervision of a flight instructor or receiving air carrier training. Personal proficiency flight operations and personal flight reviews, as required by federal air regulations, are excluded.

OTHER WORK USE--Miscellaneous flight operations conducted for compensation or hire such as construction work (not 14 CFR Part 135 operation), parachuting, aerial advertising, towing gliders, etc.

PERSONAL--Flying for personal reasons (excludes business transportation) including pleasure or personal transportation. This also includes practice or proficiency flights performed under flight instructor supervision and not part of an approved flight training program.

POSITIONING--Non-revenue flight conducted for the primary purpose of relocating the aircraft. Examples include moving the aircraft to a maintenance facility or to load passengers or cargo etc.

UNKNOWN--Use only if the primary purpose of flight is not known.

Other Aircraft--Collision: For all accidents involving a collision with another aircraft, including parked aircraft, check "Collision with other aircraft" under Basic Information and complete this section indicating details about the OTHER aircraft involved in the collision.

Airport Information: Complete this section if the accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 statute miles of an airport. Please refer to the FAA Airport/Facility Directory or other official source for airport information.

Airport Identifier: Provide the official 3 or 4 character airport identifier number.

Runway: Indicate the number of the runway used, including L, R, or C if applicable.

Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the type of intended runway/landing surface (do not indicate surface conditions). If the surface type was mixed, check all that apply.

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface: Indicate the condition of the intended runway/landing surface. If multiple conditions existed at the time of the accident, check all that apply.

Weather Information at the Accident/Incident Site: Indicate the weather conditions reported at the accident/incident site at the time of occurrence. If no weather reporting was available for the accident/incident site, indicate the reported conditions at the nearest reporting site. Specify the weather reporting site identifier, the observation time, and distance from the accident/incident.

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Indicate the height above ground level of the lowest cloud condition present at the time of the accident/incident and whether coverage was reported as few, scattered, broken or overcast. Also indicate the height above ground level and coverage of the lowest cloud ceiling present at the time of the accident/incident (reported as broken or overcast).

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs: Describe all NOTAMs (distant (D) or Flight Data Center (FDC), if known), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, and PIREPs in effect near the accident/incident.

Flight Crewmember Information: Indicate the category that best describes the capacity served by this flight crewmember at the time of the accident. The designators "Flight Crewmember 1" and "Flight Crewmember 2" do not refer to a specific pilot position or responsibility. If more than one pilot is aboard, they may be entered in any order and their capacity entered as appropriate.

Degree of Injury: See Definitions on the top half of Page 1 of the instructions. Minor injury is not defined. If an injury does not meet the criteria for another injury category, select Minor.

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent: Enter the date of the most recent flight review, or equivalent, completed by this pilot. Refer to 14 CFR 61.56 for accepted equivalents.

Type Ratings: List all type ratings on the pilot certificate. If the pilot holds no type ratings indicate "none." If the pilot holds a pilot certificate other than student and was flying an aircraft requiring an endorsement, enter the type and date of any logbook endorsement(s) for that aircraft. See 14 CFR 61 for examples of required endorsements.

Student Endorsements: If the pilot holds a student pilot certificate, enter all solo endorsements and dates on the student pilot certificate.

Flight Time: Complete the flight time matrix. Solo flight time should be included as "Pilot-in-Command (PIC)" and all dual flight instruction given should be included as "Time as Instructor."

Additional Flight Crewmembers: Complete this section if there were more than two required flight crewmembers on the aircraft. This also includes a check airman performing official duties but does not include cabin crew. State the capacity served by each included crewmember at the time of the accident.

Passenger(s)/Other Personnel: Enter identification and injury severity information for all passengers, cabin crew, and other personnel involved in the accident. See Page 1 of the instructions for the official definition of injury levels.

Several questions throughout the form allow for multiple responses; when appropriate, choose all responses that apply.

These instructions only pertain to major issue areas covered by NTSB Form 6120.1 Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report. For additional definitions of questions and responses, please refer to www.nts.gov.

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This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location
 Nearest City/Place: Battle Creek State: MI
 ZIP: _____ Country: USA
 Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time
 Date: 9/16/21 Local Time: 12:52 PM
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: Eastern
Collision with Other Aircraft: Midair On-ground None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N53GL
Manufacturer: Waco
Model: 2T-1A-2
Serial Number: 1206
Year of Manufacture: 2015
Amateur-Built: Yes No *If Yes:* Kit/Plans Original Design Make: _____

IFR-Equipped and Certified
 Commercial Space Flight
 Unmanned Aircraft
Maximum Gross Weight: _____ lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ 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 type="radio"/> Horsepower or <input type="radio"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming	AEIO-360-B1G6	Unknown	Unknown	180	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type
 100-Hour Continuous Airworthiness
 AAIP Conditional Inspection
 Annual Unknown
Date Last Inspection: _____
mm/dd/yyyy
Airframe Total Time: _____ 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:
Indicate Reason: Impact Damage
 Fire Damage
 Battery Expired/Damaged
 Unknown

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: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Scott MorrisCity: PhoenixFractional Ownership Aircraft: Yes NoState: AZ ZIP: 85016Country: USA**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: Battle Creek Executive at Kellogg Field

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: KBTL

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway InformationRunway ID: 23R (L/R/C) Length: 10,004 ft Width: 150 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 Final Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
- Crosswind Unknown

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

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

Crew Name and Address		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	<input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	<input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor	Available	Used
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<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	<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport		<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: _____	<input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____	<input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Unknown	
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)		Restraint Type:	Inflatable Restraints
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor	Available	Used
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<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	<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport		<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	

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: _____ 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 <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	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	<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
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 <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	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	<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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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 <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	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	<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

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KBTL</u> City: <u>Battle Creek</u> State: <u>MI</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>12:45 PM</u> Time Zone: <u>Eastern</u>	Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	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 type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Special VFR	<input type="checkbox"/> Special IFR	<input type="checkbox"/> VFR Flight Following	<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage

- None
- Minor
- Substantial
- Destroyed
- Unknown

Aircraft Fire

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

Aircraft Explosion

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

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

Right landing gear and right wing/aileron

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.

See attached document

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

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

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)

_____ 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

Normal exit

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 <u>9/23/2021</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Name of Pilot/Operator: <u>Scott Morris</u> Signature: _____ <i>-- or --</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here to electronically sign this document
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If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____

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NTSB Accident/Incident No. CEN21LA430	Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office CENTRAL	Name of Investigator LINDBERG	Date Report Received 9/23/2021
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Lindberg Joshua

From: Scott Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Lindberg Joshua
Cc: [REDACTED]@faa.gov; Rick Compton
Subject: Re: 9/16/2021 - Battle Creek, MI (BTL) N53GL Ground loop 2 POB, No Injuries

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Josh,

Find my written statement below. I will work on the report over the next two days.

I decided to buy a Great Lakes for recreational use. I have experience flying Great Lakes, but it was exclusively dual aerobatics training, and the only takeoff/landing experience was incidental to the aerobatics training. KCHD experiences almost no wind so I had minimal crosswind experience in the Great Lakes. My tailwheel training was in a PA18 Supercub, and most of my flying hours are in Cirrus S22T.

I discussed my situation with Alex Skiba, sales at Waco, and we came up with a plan for me to spend three days training with Richard ("Rick") Compton, then I would fly the plane cross-country solo to Phoenix. This training would far exceed the 3 hours and 20 full stop landings that must be conducted under dual required by my insurance. The focus on the training would be on crosswind landings and, to a lesser extent, navigation using the Aera 660.

I arrived at Waco's facility at KBTL at 10AM on Wednesday Sept 15, 2021 (the day prior to the accident). I immediately learned that Rick would not be available for training on Friday. I realized this likely meant I would not be able to fly solo cross country over the weekend, but we decided to see how the day's flying went. We discussed positive exchange of controls prior to starting the engine for the first flight, and we were both familiar with the standard protocols.

The first flight was focused on stalls, slow flight, operating the instruments, etc. I performed well maneuvering the plane in the air. On the second flight, we flew to KRMV to seek out crosswind for pattern work. I was not handling the ground component of takeoffs or landings well. After completing the second flight, I made the decision to not fly the plane cross country over the weekend and booked an airline flight back Friday Sept 17, 2021. Rick would fly the plane to my home airport in a few weeks and give me three more days of dual training then. I also found a source of personal stress had been effectively settled, so external factors appeared to be a non-issue. On the third flight of the day, I performed much better on takeoffs but was still performed poorly on landing and still hadn't completed a landing without Rick taking over the controls.

We noticed that the rear wheel had minimal steering authority, resulting in the need for a small amount of brake to make S-turns on the ground. We asked the mechanic to look at it and he adjusted it before we flew on the morning of Thursday Sept 16, 2021. It is worth noting that my muscle memory was likely trained on the minimal tailwheel authority, and this may be a contributing factor of the accident.

Our first flight on Sept 16, 2021 focused on low approaches in crosswind over KBTL. We noted that the tailwheel had substantially more authority during taxi and we did not need to use brakes for taxiing. I focused on learning the right sight picture for low approach over the nose of the Great Lakes, which was very different from the PA18 SuperCub I had learned in. I only made two attempts at landing during this flight. The first one was an initially well executed wheel landing but I lost control before the tailwheel touched down so Rick took the controls and executed a go around. The

second attempt at a wheel landing resulted in a bounce so Rick took over and executed a go around. The final landing of the flight was conducted by Rick. It should be noted that during this flight, I did not handle the plane with the tailwheel steering at any speed above taxi.

On the final flight (Sept 16), we decided that I would be flying three-point landings in crosswind. I still had not met the dual requirements for insurance and Rick was in the front seat running the radios and I was at the controls. We observed a quartering crosswind from the left. I requested that Rick give me some time to correct my approach before giving feedback (his feedback was typically about being too fast or not aligned on centerline). The Foreflight GPS tracklog confirms that on the first and only pattern, I executed a decently stable approach. I stayed fairly well aligned with the centerline and descended quickly to glideslope then gave more power as I dipped slightly below glideslope. The flight was recorded by the GPS in my phone using ForeFlight and it estimated my speed at the threshold was approximately 74 knots (to the best of my memory, I was about 80 mph). This speed is slightly faster than the target of 75mph but not excessively. I kept the plane at ~75mph to stabilize the low approach then cut power. The three-point touchdown seemed good (Rick later mentioned that the Oleo strut may have absorbed a lot of the impact so it seemed less severe than it was). We touched down just before taxiway E, and the speeds recorded before touchdown by Foreflight was 56kts and the first speed recorded after touchdown was 48 knots (based on my best estimation viewing Foreflight GPS logs; the published stall speed is 57mph/50kts).

The landing initially seemed controlled, but the plane drifted to the right. Small, controlled rudder movements did not bring the plane to centerline. I had experienced a similar scenario twice the previous day, but in that case it was windvaning into a crosswind from the right (crosswind was from the left this time). The plane was out of control for my current abilities and any control inputs were likely to make things worse. I told Rick "Take the controls" and briefly loosened my grip on the controls but did not let go. At this point the Foreflight logs show the plane at 31 knots and confirm the plane never left the runway on the right side. I did not hear a response, so I took a firm grip on the controls and gave a large amount of left rudder. This left rudder input was likely calibrated to the previous day when the tail wheel had minimal authority, resulting in an overcorrection to the left. At this point, the Foreflight logs show the plane at 22kts. I gave full right rudder before the plane was aligned with the runway, but it did not appear to have any effect. The plane yawed strongly to the left and then the right wing impacted the ground just as we were coming to a stop slightly off the left side of the runway. Rick radioed tower and informed them of the situation, then we tried to continue taxiing but were unable to. We normally exited the plane. We noted that the wind was now gusting from the left, and unexpected windvane to the left may have contributed to the accident. We also noted that the right wheel was damaged, including an approximately 4" crack where the rim interacts with the tire but the tire was still inflated. I walked back to the Waco building and Rick worked with other Waco personnel to transport the plane back to the hanger.

On Sep 22, 2021, at 2:46 PM, Lindberg Joshua [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Scott,

Thanks for speaking with me today about this accident. As discussed, please provide your 2-page written statement and complete the attached NTSB Accident Report Form.

Respectfully,

Josh Lindberg
Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
[REDACTED]

From: Rick Compton [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Folkerts Michael [REDACTED] @faa.gov
Cc: Victor Grahn [REDACTED] >; Joseph Newman [REDACTED]
Subject: N53GL damage at KBTL

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Hello Everyone,

Please see attached photos of the damage to 53GL. It was determined by the Centennial Repair Station team that the rear spar of the lower right wing was cracked (photo of crack included). Additional photos show that the lower right aileron was bent, and the spar is possibly bent as well (the Centennial team has not removed the fabric of the aileron at this point).

According to my understanding of NTSB 830.2, this would constitute an accident, and thus a report would need to be filed. As a reminder from our phone conversation, the aircraft is of tandem configuration, and the person in the PIC seat was Scott Morris, with Richard Compton in the front seat. Mr. Morris is appropriately rated for the aircraft, holds a valid tailwheel endorsement, has a current flight review, and has logged prior time in the make and model of the aircraft (G2T1). The purpose of the flight, according to the NTSB Accident report, would then appear to be PERSONAL, as Mr. Morris was receiving additional proficiency training from Mr. Compton.

Based on these details, I have two questions:

1. Who would be responsible for filing the report? Should both pilots submit, or just Mr. Morris?
2. Can the Centennial Repair Station team continue disassembly and repair of the aircraft at this time?

Thank you in advance for your time and insight.

Kind Regards,

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Rick Compton
Flight Operations and Avionics Manager

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