

EAA CHAPTER 1445
NOVEMBER AVIATION ACCIDENT SUMMARY
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The following are the reports of aviation accidents that have occurred in Arizona from late October, thru late November. APA will use this detailed accident information to develop safety programs, briefings, and posters/flyers that would help pilots learn from the mistakes being made by others, and take the action necessary to prevent them from having similar accidents.

For this past reporting period aviation safety may once again be somewhat of an unknown in that no accident information was available from the NTSB. Because of the virus pandemic, the head of the NTSB has taken the position that investigators will not be going to accident sites for investigation, except in special directed cases, and will be relying on the media, the FAA and local law enforcement notes and their photos for information. However, more importantly, I am afraid we will be having a major problem with developing detailed safety reports for a while because the NTSB had also shut down their accident reporting website about October 20, 2020. I contacted a local NTSB investigator to ask what had happened, and I was told the NTSB is building a new and better website for accident information, and they shut down the old website. I was advised that I may be able to access accident information in the meantime on the NTSB CAROL website. I went to the CAROL site, and had a friend also go to the CAROL site, and neither of us were able to gain detailed information access. It's unknown when the new improved site will be up and running, but was advised it may not be soon.

In the mean time I'll be working primarily with the Aviation Safety Network (ASN). They cover aviation accidents with information obtained from the media, which is often a bit inaccurate, and they report on accidents that are occurring ALL OVER the world. Their information doesn't seem to be sortable, so developing an Arizona report will be time consuming, and with very limited, and questionable information.

This lack of "official" accident reporting is more than a bit disturbing. We will continue to try to spur action to get the new and improved NTSB web site up and running. So, in the mean time, I will be working with the Aviation Safety Network and notes from other various sources.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE ASN

Accident Date: October 4, 2020
Location: Rimrock
Aircraft Type: Cessna 150H
Injuries: 1 Uninjured

LOSS OF CONTROL LANDING

The aircraft experienced a runway excursion after a landing attempt at Rimrock Airport (48AZ), Rimrock, Arizona. The airplane sustained substantial damage and the sole pilot onboard was not injured.

Accident Date: October 21, 2020
Location: Show Low
Aircraft Type: Piper PA28-180
Injuries: 1 Uninjured

OFF AIRPORT LANDING

Following a loss of engine power, the aircraft force landed on US 60 near Cibecue, southwest of Show Low. The airplane sustained moderate damage to the RH wing leading edge and the sole pilot onboard was not injured during the incident.

Accident Date: October 24, 2020
Location: Carefree
Aircraft Type: Cessna 172
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

AIRCRAFT STALLED ON APPROACH

The aircraft experienced an approach stall and subsequent impact with airport terrain short of the intended runway at Carefree at SkyRanch (18AZ). Both occupants onboard were not injured and the airplane sustained substantial damage.

Accident Date: November 6, 2020
Location: Glendale
Aircraft Type: Remos GX
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

LANDING GEAR STRUCTURAL FAILURE ON LANDING

A structural member in the landing gear failed resulting in the aft portion of the aircraft becoming damaged when the main gear failed during landing.

Accident Date: November 6, 2020
Location: Chandler
Aircraft Type: Cessna 150F
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

LOSS OF DIRECTIONAL CONTROL LANDING

The aircraft experienced a loss of directional control and subsequent runway excursion upon landing at Chandler Municipal Airport (CHD/KCHD), Chandler, Arizona. The airplane came to

rest inverted, sustaining substantial damage, and the two occupants onboard were not injured.

Accident Date: November 9,2020

Location: Mesa

Aircraft Type: Diamond DA-40

Injuries: 1 Uninjured (Aircraft) 1 Minor Injury (Ground Vehicle)

GROUND TAXI ACCIDENT

The aircraft sustained minor damage upon impact with a ground maintenance vehicle during taxi into the aircraft run-up area at Falcon Field Airport (FFZ/KFFZ), Mesa, Arizona. The sole pilot onboard the airplane was not injured and the sole operator of the ground maintenance skid steer vehicle received minor injuries.

Accident Date: November 10, 2020

Location: Prescott

Aircraft Type: Pipistrel Sinus 912

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

LOSS OF CONTROL ON TAKE OFF

The aircraft experienced a ground loop and subsequent nose over during a takeoff attempt at Prescott Regional Airport/Ernest A Love Field (PRC), Prescott. The motor glider sustained minor damage and the sole pilot onboard was not injured during the incident.

Accident Date: November 13,2020

Location: Benson

Aircraft Type: Air Creation Buggy

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

HARD LANDING

The aircraft sustained substantial damage during a hard landing to the terrain and subsequent nose-gear loss in Benson. The sole pilot onboard the weight-shift-control (WSC) trike was not injured.

Accident Date: November 24, 2020

Location: Mesa (FFZ)

Aircraft Type: Cessna 210C

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

LANDING GEAR FAILURE ON LANDING

The aircraft sustained minor damage upon experiencing a nose-gear collapse subsequent to landing at Falcon Field Airport, Mesa. The sole pilot onboard the airplane was not injured during the incident.