

EAA CHAPTER 1445
OCTOBER AVIATION ACCIDENT SUMMARY
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The following are the NTSB reports of aviation accidents that have occurred in Arizona from late September, thru late October. 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 the the aviation safety may be an unknown in that there were no accidents reported by 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 rely on FAA and local law enforcement notes and their photos for information. It's unknown if this is the reason for no reports forth coming, or if pilots are being extra careful, and no reportable accidents have occurred. However, based on local media reports, there were two accidents that had recently occurred, and one of them was rather serious in that two people perished. Because no information is available from the NTSB, details of these two accidents were obtained from the Aviation Safety Network (ASN), and are presented in this summary.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE ASN

Accident Date: October 11, 2020
Title 14 CFR Part 91
Location: Mesa
Aircraft Type: North American AT-6G Texan
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

WHEELS UP LANDING

The airplane had initially departed Falcon Field (FFZ), and when attempting a landing at Avra Valley (AVQ), had a mishap and damaged/lost the left landing gear wheel in the touch and go landing process, and returned to Falcon Field. Because they had experienced a hydraulic failure, the landing gear collapsed during the landing, and the airplane slid to a stop on its belly, and the pilots safely exited the airplane.

Accident Date: October 24, 2020
Title 14 CFR Part 91
Location: Cordes Lakes
Aircraft Type: Lancair 235
Injuries: 2 Fatalities

CONTROLLED FLIGHT INTO TERRAIN

An experimental Lancair 235, amateur built by Norman Leckenby, impacted high desert terrain about 5.5 miles east southeast of Cordes Lakes, Yavapai County. The airplane departed Phoenix Deer Valley Airport, and was destined for Page. Both occupants onboard the airplane received fatal injuries and the aircraft was destroyed.

The wreckage was located by a helicopter at approximately 12:15 PM on October 26th after it was reported missing.