



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	BUCKEYE, AZ	<b>Accident Number:</b>	LAX83FA260
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/01/1983, 0200 MST	<b>Registration:</b>	N8926N
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA-32 300C	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	41, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>		<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	11/16/1982
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>			

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N8926N
Model/Series:	PA-32 300C PA-32 300C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	32-40723
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	05/09/1983, 100 Hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3400 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	20 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3306 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-540-K1A5
Registered Owner:	NELSON ROYCE NOFSINGER	Rated Power:	300 hp
Operator:	NELSON ROYCE NOFSINGER	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Bright
Observation Facility, Elevation:	PHX, 1132 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	43 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0145 PDT	Direction from Accident Site:	80°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	35 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	250°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25° C / 4° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	SCOTTSDALE, AZ (SDL)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0045 PDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Airport Information

Airport:	PRIVATE STRIP	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:	860 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2600 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 Fatal	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** ALFRED W DICKINSON

### Additional Participating Persons:

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