



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Port Heiden, AK	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ANC05CA115
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/01/2005, 1045 AKD	<b>Registration:</b>	N9062D
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Piper PA-18	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On August 1, 2005, about 1045 Alaska daylight time, a Piper PA-18 airplane, N9062D, sustained substantial damage when it collided with terrain while landing on a beach, about 50 miles southwest of Port Heiden, Alaska. The airplane was being operated by the pilot as a visual flight rules (VFR) personal cross-country flight under Title 14, CFR Part 91 when the accident occurred. The private certificated pilot and sole passenger were not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed. The flight originated at a private gravel airstrip northeast of the accident site, about 1015.

During a telephone conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC) on August 2, the pilot said he borrowed the airplane from a lodge owner to practice beach landings. He said he flew low over the beach, and determined it was suitable for landing. After the low pass, he said he made a left turn to the beach for landing. He said he added flaps, but when he rolled out of the turn to final he was "too low and out of airspeed." He said he added power, but the airplane landed hard, and the main landing gear collapsed. The pilot said the airplane sustained structural damage to the wings and fuselage. He said prior to the accident there were no mechanical anomalies with the airplane.

## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	22, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	04/01/2005
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	193 hours (Total, all aircraft), 100 hours (Total, this make and model), 43 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 11 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N9062D
Model/Series:	PA-18	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18-6427
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	O-320
Registered Owner:	Cinder River Lodge Inc.	Rated Power:	
Operator:	Jonathan Stone	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Port Heiden, AK	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Port Heiden, AK	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	56.361667, -160.188333

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Lawrence R Lewis

**Additional Participating Persons:**

**Note:** This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.

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