



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

<b>Location:</b>	Phenix City, AL	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ATL06CA031
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	01/01/2006, 1836 CST	<b>Registration:</b>	N4370P
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Piper PA-23-160	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Serious, 1 Minor, 1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

The private pilot was on a visual flight rules cross country flight when he began encountering instrument conditions. The pilot continued into the instrument conditions for about 30 minutes before asking Atlanta Approach Control for directions to the nearest airport for landing. The controller directed the pilot to two different nearby airports but both were below minimums. The pilot informed the controller that he was low on fuel and needed to land as soon as possible. The controller directed the pilot to the Columbus Metropolitan Airport, Columbus, Georgia. The pilot told the controllers that he would attempt an instrument approach. The pilot attempted four unsuccessful approach's with the controllers talking him through each approach. On the fifth approach, at five miles from the runway the pilot stated that both engine's quit due to fuel exhaustion. The pilot called "mayday" and during the forced landing the airplane collided with trees and the ground separating the right wing, half of the left wing, and coming to rest inverted. The pilot did not report any mechanical deficiencies with the airplane during the attempted approach's.

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	48, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 With Waivers/Limitations	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	07/01/2005
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	02/01/2004
<b>Flight Time:</b>	600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 600 hours (Total, this make and model), 600 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Piper	<b>Registration:</b>	N4370P
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-23-160	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	23-1871
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Retractable - Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	5
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	03/01/2005, Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	3800 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	4071 Hours at time of accident	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Lycoming
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-320
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	Roy T. Dawes	<b>Rated Power:</b>	160 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	Roy T. Dawes	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Instrument Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Dusk
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	CSG, 397 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	5 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	1558 EST	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	230°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Visibility</b>	1.5 Miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Overcast / 400 ft agl	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	6 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	70°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.98 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	16° C / 14° C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	Light - Rain; Fog		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Brooksville, FL (BKV)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>	Winder Barrow, GA (WDR)	<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	VFR Flight Following
<b>Departure Time:</b>	1316 EST	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Minor, 1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Serious, 1 Minor, 1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	32.421111, -85.248056

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Butch Wilson
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Robert Bullock; Birmingham FSDO-09; Birmingham, AL
<b>Note:</b>	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
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