



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Monongahela, PA	Accident Number:	ERA15LA001
Date & Time:	10/01/2014, EDT	Registration:	NONE
Aircraft:	AIR COMMAND 582	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On October 1, 2014, at an unknown time, an unregistered Air Commander 582, was substantially damaged when it impacted terrain near Rostraver Airport (FWQ), Monogahela, Pennsylvania. The private pilot was fatally injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed for the presumed local personal flight, which was conducted under the provisions of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91.

According to the Westmorland County, Pennsylvania Coroner's Summary Report, the accident pilot was last observed flying the single-seat gyroplane about 1350 on the day of the accident. When the pilot did not meet his family later that evening, they reported him missing. The wreckage was subsequently located the following day about 0915, about 750 feet east of the runway 26 threshold at FWQ.

The wreckage was subsequently recovered from the site and a detailed examination of the airframe and engine was scheduled for a later date.

The pilot held a private pilot certificate with a rating for airplane single engine land and his most recent Federal Aviation Administration third-class medical certificate was issued on August 12, 2014.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	AIR COMMAND	Registration:	NONE
Model/Series:	582	Aircraft Category:	Gyroplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	On file	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:		Observation Time:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Conditions at Accident Site:	
Lowest Ceiling:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:		Visibility:	
Altimeter Setting:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Monongahela, PA (FWQ)	Destination:	Monongahela, PA (FWQ)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Dennis Diaz
Additional Participating Persons:	Joe McBride; FAA/FSDO; Pittsburgh, PA