



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	Apalachicola, FL	Accident Number:	ERA15CA093
Date & Time:	01/01/2015, 1630 EST	Registration:	N657MC
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-46-350P	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Ground collision	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

After landing, the pilot taxied to the fixed base operator to park. As he approached the parking ramp, a lineman stood in front of a tie-down spot and raised both hands in the air signaling to the pilot where to park. The spot was next to a parked jet. The pilot said that while taxiing to the parking spot he was concentrating on staying clear of the jet and did not see a light pole located at the edge of the ramp. The right wing struck the pole resulting in structural damage to the wing.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's inadequate visual lookout while taxiing, which resulted in the airplane striking a pole.

Findings

Personnel issues	Monitoring environment - Pilot (Cause)
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Factual Information

History of Flight

Taxi	Ground collision (Defining event)
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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	57
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without Waivers/Limitations	Last Medical Exam:	12/16/2013
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	07/28/2014
Flight Time:	2633 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1545 hours (Total, this make and model), 2633 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 35 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	PIPER	Registration:	N657MC
Model/Series:	PA-46-350P	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	4622007
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4299 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	TIO-540 SER
Registered Owner:	CHICOLA MONTY V	Rated Power:	310 hp
Operator:	CHICOLA MONTY V	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	AAF, 50 ft msl	Observation Time:	1500 EST
Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles	Condition of Light:	Day
Direction from Accident Site:	0°	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Temperature/Dew Point:	10° C
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility	10 Miles
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	3 knots, 140°	Visibility (RVR):	
Altimeter Setting:		Visibility (RVV):	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Pensacola, FL (PNS)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	Apalachicola, FL (AAF)	Type of Clearance:	IFR
Departure Time:	1330 CST	Type of Airspace:	Unknown

Airport Information

Airport:	APALACHICOLA REGIONAL (AAF)	Runway Surface Type:	N/A
Airport Elevation:	20 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	N/A	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Leah D Yeager	Adopted Date:	06/09/2015
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:	06/09/2015		
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=90576		

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