



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Bluffton, IN	Accident Number:	CEN16LA300
Date & Time:	08/02/2016, 2055 EDT	Registration:	N430WT
Aircraft:	WINGS AN THINGS INC AVID FLYER	Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On August 2, 2016, about 2055 eastern daylight time, an experimental, amateur-built Avid Flyer, N430WT, sustained substantial damage when it impacted a cornfield after takeoff from Miller Airport (C40), Bluffton, Indiana. The student pilot and passenger received serious injuries. The airplane was registered to a private individual and operated by the pilot under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which was not on a flight plan. The flight departed from C40 about 1935 on a local flight.

At 2054, the surface weather observation at Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA), Fort Wayne, Indiana, located about 14 nm north of the accident site, was wind calm, 10 miles visibility, few clouds at 6,000 ft, temperature 26 degrees C, dew point 19 degrees C, altimeter 30.05 inches of mercury.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	WINGS AN THINGS INC	Registration:	N430WT
Model/Series:	AVID FLYER	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	Yes		
Operator:	On file	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	FWA, 814 ft msl	Observation Time:	2054 EDT
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 6000 ft agl	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Temperature/Dew Point:	26° C / 19° C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Light and Variable, Variable	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.05 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Bluffton, IN (C40)	Destination:	Bluffton, IN (C40)

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	James P Silliman
Additional Participating Persons:	Louis Soto; FAA Indianapolis FSDO; Indianapolis, IN
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.