



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Taylor, TX	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN17LA003
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	10/01/2016, 0925 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N9704L
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BEECH C23	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Serious
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On October 1, 2016, about 0925 central daylight time, a Beechcraft C23 "Sundowner" single-engine airplane, N9704L, was destroyed after impacting trees and terrain during final approach at Taylor Municipal Airport (T74), Taylor, Texas. The pilot and the child passenger were seriously injured. The airplane was registered to Hybird, Inc.; Livingston, Texas, and was operated by a private individual as a 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions (VMC) prevailed and a visual flight rules (VFR) flight plan had not been filed. The airplane was destined for T74 and had departed McCampbell-Porter Airport (KTFP), Ingleside, Texas.

Initial reports showed the airplane experienced a complete loss of engine power when about one-half mile from the runway. During the accident sequence both wings were impact separated at the wing root and the completely separated fuselage came to rest upright about 20 feet from the initial tree impacts. The airplane was immediately involved in fire. The pilot removed the child passenger, exited the airplane, and walked to a nearby rural residence. Emergency responders arrived and provided aid to the two victims, who were then transported to the hospital.

At 0850 the KGTU Automated Surface Observation System at Georgetown, Texas, about 14 miles west-northwest from the accident location, reported calm wind, visibility 10 miles, sky clear of clouds, temperature 17 degrees Celsius (C), dew point 12 degrees C, with an altimeter setting of 30.10 inches of mercury.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b>	BEECH	<b>Registration:</b>	N9704L
<b>Model/Series:</b>	C23	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Air Carrier Operating Certificate:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KGTU, 787 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	0850 UTC
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	17° C / 12° C
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	Calm	<b>Visibility</b>	10 Miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30.1 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Departure Point:</b>	INGLESIDE, TX (TFP)	<b>Destination:</b>	Taylor, TX (T74)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-Ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	Unknown
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 Serious		

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Thomas Latson
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Frank G Fortmann; FAA San Antonio FSDO; San Antonio, TX
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.