



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Hemet, CA	Accident Number:	WPR17LA018
Date & Time:	11/10/2016, 1135 PST	Registration:	N9556U
Aircraft:	GRUMMAN AMERICAN AVN. CORP. AA 1C	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On November 10, 2016, about 1135 Pacific standard time, a Grumman American AA-1C airplane, N9556U, experienced a complete loss of engine power and landed on a field east of Hemet, California. The private pilot and pilot-rated passenger were uninjured; the airplane sustained substantial damage throughout. The airplane was registered to, and operated by, the pilot under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the local flight that originated from Hemet-Ryan Airport (HMT), Hemet, at 1043.

The pilot reported that after takeoff he climbed to 5,000 feet when the engine lost partial power. The pilot switched fuel tanks and the engine operated normally. He continued the local flight and climbed to about 8,000 feet. While cruising, the engine suddenly lost complete power. The pilot attempted to restart the engine multiple times, however, to no avail. He landed the airplane uneventfully onto a nearby field; the airplane rolled along the rocky field and nosed over coming to rest inverted.

The airplane has been recovered to a secure location for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	GRUMMAN AMERICAN AVN. CORP.	Registration:	N9556U
Model/Series:	AA 1C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	PELHAM DAVID	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	F70, 1349 ft msl	Observation Time:	1155 PST
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Temperature/Dew Point:	31°C / -3°C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots/ 18 knots, 130°	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.04 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Hemet, CA (HMT)	Destination:	Hemet, CA (HMT)

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):	Samantha A Link
Additional Participating Persons:	Joseph Lewis; Federal Aviation Administration; Riverside, CA
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.