



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Steele, MO	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CEN20LA189
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/22/2020, 1330 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N7355W
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA28	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On May 22, 2020, about 1415 central daylight time, a Piper PA-28-180, N7355W, was substantially damaged during a forced landing following a complete loss of engine power near Steele, Missouri. The pilot and passenger were not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, the airplane was in cruise flight at 3,000 ft. above mean sea level (msl) when he noticed that the oil pressure gauge was reading zero. He reported that he thought that the gauge was faulty and started a turn to return to the departure airport to have it checked. During the turn, he noticed that the oil pressure came back to normal, but a short time later it went back to zero. Subsequently the engine started sounding unusual and then began shaking violently. He determined that he would not be able to glide to the nearest airport and executed a forced landing, initially lining up on a road, but changing to a cotton field when he saw vehicles on the road. The airplane incurred substantial damage to the left wing during the forced landing.

The airplane is to be recovered and examined at a later date.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N7355W
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA28 180	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No		
<b>Operator:</b>	On file	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:		Condition of Light:	
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Observation Time:	
Distance from Accident Site:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	
Altimeter Setting:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:	Blytheville, AR (HKA)	Destination:	Poplar Bluff, MO (POF)

## 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	Latitude, Longitude:	36.083333, -89.829167 (est)

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	John M Brannen
Additional Participating Persons:	Ryn McCarty; FAA - Saint Louis Flight Standards District Office; St Louis, MO
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.