

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public use aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Port Mansfield State: Tx
 ZIP: 78598 Country: United States
 Latitude: N26°33.61 (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: W97°26.36 (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 10/19/2017 Local Time: 12:45
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: CDT

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover
☒ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

_____ ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Piper
 Model: PA32RT-300T Turbo Lance II
 Serial Number: 32R-7867158
 Registration Number: N633CB Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 3600 lbs
 Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 3368 lbs
 Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:
91.2 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard ☒ Normal ☐ Restricted
☐ Utility ☐ Limited
☐ Acrobatic ☐ Provisional
☐ Transport ☐ Experimental
☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 6

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☒ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Last Inspection Type

☐ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 04/21/2017
 mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 4050.31 hrs
 hours measured at (check one)
☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None
☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: 06-06-13

Battery Exp. Date: 02-2018

Engine Type

☒ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☒ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☒ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: Hartzell

Model: HC-E2YA-1BF

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>TIO540-S1A-D</u>	<u>L-5608-61A</u>	<u>03/12/2004</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1173.9</u>	<u>29.7</u>	<u>1173.9</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>PKJ Aviation LLC</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Owner Address City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address ☐ Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Public Use (select type) ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Unknown ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces		Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) ☒ Personal ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Instructional ☐ Ferry ☐ Positioning ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race / Show ☐ Flight Test ☐ Public Use ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International ☐ Domestic ☐ International Cargo Operation ☐ Passenger/Cargo ☐ Passenger _____ How many? ☐ Cargo _____ lbs ☐ Mail	Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (135) ☐ Large Helicopter (127) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	
OTHER AIRCRAFT - COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)			
Aircraft Registration Number <u>N335B</u>	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None	
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)			
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown <i>(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)</i> <u>most visible failure is to the Link and Brace Assembly,</u> <u>Piper Part Number 38040-02. many other supporting</u> <u>components to this Trunion are also damaged.</u>			Total Time/Cycles On Part <u>4050.31</u> Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled <u>29.7</u> Hours <u>ANNUAL.</u>
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY			
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☐ Substantial ☒ Minor ☐ Destroyed	Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground	Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground	

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (use additional sheet if necessary)

Visual inspection of the Link and Brace Assembly shows a total fracture and separation of the casting causing the nose gear to collapse forward. Many associated components of the nose gear are damaged. The collapsed nose gear caused the prop to strike the ground and become bent beyond repair, and the necessity for a sudden stoppage inspection on the engine. Firewall bending, fuselage stress fractures, and a cracked lower cowl are also visible.

AIRPORT INFORMATION (If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)

Airport Identifier: T05 Distance From Airport Center: 0 SM
 Airport Name: Charles R Johnson Airport Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG
 Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip Airport Elevation: 10 ft. MSL

Approach Segment (Select one)

☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sideslip ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran
☐ VOR/TWOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Stop and Go
☒ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown

Runway Information

Runway ID: 12 (L/R/C) Length: 3200 ft Width: 50 ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Unknown
☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KCxo</u> City: <u>Conroe</u> State: <u>Texas</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>10:41</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>T05</u> City: <u>Port Mansfield</u> State: <u>Tx</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ Company VFR ☒ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☒ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

☐ Class A ☒ Class E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☒ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area

Aircraft Load Description (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Water ☐ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds
☐ Other External

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
 (convert from pounds, as necessary)

94 Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____
☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT			
Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location 			
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE			
Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KHRL</u> Observation Time: <u>12:30</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>23</u> NM Direction from Accident Site: <u>203</u> degrees MAG		Source of Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☒ Automated Report ☐ Unknown ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	
Briefing Type/Completeness ☐ Full ☐ Abbreviated ☒ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Unknown ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☐ Not Pertinent		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Not Reported	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered		Ceiling ☐ None (clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☒ Overcast ☐ Unknown	
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>2900</u> ft AGL		Ceiling Height <u>3000</u> ft AGL	
Wind Direction ☒ Indicated: <u>110</u> degrees MAG ☐ Variable		Wind Speed Velocity: <u>9</u> KTS -or- ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable	
Wind Gusts Velocity: _____ KTS ☐ Gusting ☒ Not Gusting		Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown	
NOTAMS (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident NONE			
Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: _____ ft Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F)		Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Moderate ☐ Trace ☐ Severe ☐ Light Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Moderate ☐ Trace ☐ Severe ☐ Light Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed	
Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle		Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy	

PILOT "B" INFORMATION																																																																																																				
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Pilot "B" Identification First Name: <u>Paul</u> City: [REDACTED] Middle Initial: <u>J</u> State: [REDACTED] Last Name: <u>Wedge</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>27</u> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Certificate Number: [REDACTED] mm/dd/yyyy																																																																																																				
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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants; complete the following information)																
Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious										
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign ☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military						Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Unknown										
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)																
Name and Address						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
First Name: <u>Kyle</u> City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: <u>Wedge</u> Country: _____						_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Statement of Events
October 19, 2017
Account by Joe Welge

Aircraft: N633CB, PA32-300RT

Departure: CXO, Conroe North Houston Airport
Destination: T05, Port Mansfield, Tx

Souls: Joseph A. Welge, PvtP land
Paul J Welge, PvtP, IFR, ME, Commercial
Kyle E. Welge, PvtP land, A&P

We departed CXO at 1041 CDT under an IFR flight plan filed by Paul. I flew left seat and Paul flew in the right. We used the flight as an opportunity for me to pick up some simulated IFR time and the flight was uneventful. We did experience IMC conditions for about 45 minutes of the flight North of T05, but came out of the layer at 2900 ft which allowed a VFR approach and landing when we located T05. The IFR flight plan was cancelled at that time, 12:38 CDT, and we made a normal approach to the airport.

I flew the approach and dropped the gear while crossing the airport midfield at 1100 feet/ 120 knots (129Kt is maximum speed) the plane slowed nicely to 100 Kts at which time we entered the right downwind and engaged the 1st notch of flaps. Flight remained steady and winds were calm for runway 12. The turn to base was at 100 kts and the second notch of flaps were put in. Flight was stable on the turn to final remaining at 100 kts. Final was stable, however, 1000 yards from the runway and 400 AGL, the forward baggage door flew open. The plane remained stable for final but there was a turbulence due to the open compartment. The descent remained steady.

I pitched the nose up slightly at the numbers and took off power for a main gear touchdown followed with the front gear. There was no bounce and the plane settled on the runway but I noticed sluggish reaction to the pedal and applied appropriate braking to keep the plane straight on the runway..

We coasted to the end of the runway and the plane would not turn normally onto the ramp. I added power to complete the turn when we experienced the propeller strike and I immediately shut the magnetos off with the key. We exited the plane normally and contacted local officials for assistance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

10/30/2017
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Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: Type or Print Name: Joseph A. Welge

Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

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