

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: <u>Saluda</u> State: <u>SC</u> ZIP: <u>29138</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Latitude: <u>33.9267N</u> (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: <u>81.7946W</u> (ddd:mm:ss E/W)		Date/Time Date: <u>02/20/2014</u> Local Time: <u>20:30</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Time Zone: <u>EST</u>	
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: <u>Piper</u> Model: <u>PA-28-140</u> Serial Number: <u>28-20542</u> Registration Number: <u>N6469W</u> Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Max Gross Weight: <u>2150</u> lbs Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: <u>1850</u> lbs Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ 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 <i>(Check all that apply)</i> Standard ☒ Normal ☒ Utility ☐ Acrobatic ☐ Transport Special ☐ Restricted ☐ Limited ☐ Provisional ☐ Experimental ☐ Special Flight ☐ Light Sport	Number of Seats: <u>4</u> 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: <u>12/04/2013</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> Airframe Total Time: _____ 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: <u>Ameriking</u> Model/Series: <u>AK-450</u> Serial Number: _____ Battery Type: _____ Battery Exp. Date: _____	

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: <u>Sensenich</u> Model: <u>74DM6-1-58</u>
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Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	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	Lycoming	O-320-E2A	L-14711-27A	Unknown	150	4310.71	63.8	1152
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

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

The right wing and portions of the fuselage sustained damage. The right fiberglass wingtip, outboard leading edge and trailing edge skins (both top and bottom) as well as flap and aileron. The motion of the wing in the aft direction also dented the skin where the wing mates to the fuselage.

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

Airport Identifier: 6J4 **Distance From Airport Center:** 0 SM
Airport Name: Saluda County **Direction From Airport:** N/A degrees MAG
Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip **Airport Elevation:** 539 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/TVOR ☐ 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: 19 (L/R/C) **Length:** 3189 ft **Width:** 60 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: SPA
City: Spartanburg
State: SC
Country: USA

Time of Departure

Time: 19:35
Time Zone: EST

Destination

Airport ID: 6J4
City: Saluda
State: SC
Country: USA

Type Flight Plan Filed

☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR
Activated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☐ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(convert from pounds, as necessary)

34 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 AIRCRAFTWas 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>KAIK</u> Observation Time: <u>20:35</u> Time Zone: <u>EST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>17.5</u> NM Direction from Accident Site: <u>168</u> degrees MAG		Source of Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☒ Automated Report ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ Unknown		Method of Briefing (Check all that apply) ☐ In Person ☐ Teletype ☒ Telephone/Computer ☐ Aircraft Radio ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Unknown	
Briefing Type/Completeness ☐ Full ☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot ☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer ☐ Abbreviated ☐ Unknown ☒ Not Pertinent		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Day ☐ Dusk ☒ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Not Reported		Visibility <u>+10SM</u> miles	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown		Ceiling ☒ None (clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>N/A</u> ft AGL		Ceiling Height <u>N/A</u> ft AGL			
Wind Direction ☒ Indicated: <u>150</u> degrees MAG ☐ Variable	Wind Speed Velocity: <u>7</u> KTS -or- ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable	Wind Gusts Velocity: _____ KTS ☐ Gusting ☒ Not Gusting	Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ In Clouds ☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm Severity of Turbulence ☐ Extreme ☐ Severe ☐ Moderate ☐ Moderate Chop ☐ Light		

NOTAMs (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident

N/A

Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>68</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.07</u> in. HG or _____ MB Density Altitude: _____ ~1300 ft Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>59</u> (F)	Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe Type ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed		Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle
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Pilot "A" Identification First Name: <u>Adam</u> City: <u>Spartanburg</u> Middle Initial: <u>W</u> State: <u>SC</u> ZIP: <u>29302</u> Last Name: <u>Lockamy</u> Country: <u>USA</u> Age at time of Accident/Incident: <u>27</u> Date of Birth: <u> </u> 1986 Certificate Number: <u> </u> mm/dd/yyyy																																																																																																				
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PILOT "B" INFORMATION

Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☒ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: Ronald City: Pacolet
 Middle Initial: P State: SC ZIP: 29372
 Last Name: Haires Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 20 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy 1993 Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☒ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☒ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☒ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

02/21/2013
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Waivers

None

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

N/A

mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: N/A

Model: N/A

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

None

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

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Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (If any 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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

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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: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type on separate sheet)

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.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)**Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation**

This accident could have been largely prevented by two things. First, having a fence at the Saluda Co. Airport that keeps wildlife off of the runway and other associated airport property. The second would have been the decision to do the student's night cross country flight to a larger airport where the likelihood of wildlife on the field was significantly less.

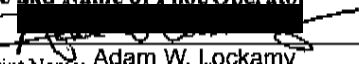
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**

4/1/2014

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/OperatorSignature: 

Type or Print Name: Adam W. Lockamy

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

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Title: _____

FOR NTSB USE ONLY**NTSB Accident/Incident No.**

ERA14CA172

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

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Name of Investigator

A. Diaz

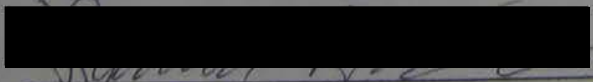
Date Report Received

4/1/14

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

The following is a description of the dual instruction flight that occurred on Thursday, February 20, 2014. The student, Ronald P. Raines, was sitting "left seat" and the CFI, Adam Lockamy, was in the right seat.

After completing all required flight planning for a Night X-country flight, the flight departed Spartanburg Downtown Airport (SPA) at around 7:35pm EDT. The flight proceeded normally and VFR flight following was provided by Greer Approach and Columbia Approach to the destination of Saluda County Airport (6J4). After a full stop landing on runway 19, the aircraft was back-taxied to the threshold of runway 19 for a "full length" takeoff. On the takeoff roll at approximately 8:30pm, a deer ran onto the runway and collided with the outboard leading edge and wingtip of the right wing. The instructor immediately took the controls from the student pilot who was flying the takeoff and elected to continue the takeoff as there was no remaining runway to stop the aircraft, the engine appeared to be producing normal power, and flight controls were responsive. The takeoff climb proceeded with a relatively normal rate of climb to 600ft AGL where a climbing left turn was made for a downwind to runway 19. The CFI tested the flight controllability and maneuverability of the aircraft and noted no abnormalities other than additional left aileron was needed to maintain straight and level flight. Knowing that the animal might still be on the only landing runway at Saluda, the student and CFI elected to continue the flight northbound as there was an appreciable tailwind and more airports in that direction. During the following 25 minute flight, no flight abnormalities were noted other than a need for additional left aileron in level cruise flight. After weighing all options, the crew elected to proceed to Spartanburg Downtown Airport (SPA) for a landing. The landing at Spartanburg on runway 23 was without further incident and the aircraft was taxied normally where it was secured in a hangar.


Ronald P. Raines


Adam W. Lockamy