



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

FAA Inspector Statement
Of
Mark C. Ricker
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On 03/21/2015, Inspector was contacted by the ROC concerning an accident which had occurred at Air Acres Airport (5GA4), Woodstock, GA. Aircraft involved is N8803W, Piper PA-28-235, S/N 28-10328. Pilot had landed and after touchdown applied the brakes. Pilot reported that brakes had no authority. Pilot pumped the brake handle several times in an attempt to build pressure. Finally, the pilot was able to obtain braking and the brakes locked up. Aircraft skidded off the end of the runway and down a ravine about 30Ft down. Aircraft came to rest upside down. Pilot and passenger evacuated aircraft with no injuries.

Inspector arrived on scene and took a brief statement from pilot and passenger. Aircraft was flipped back on its gear and towed to owner's hangar. Pilot and Inspector attempted to activate the brakes, which were flat and had to be pumped up to obtain any pressure.

Inspector provided Pilot's Bill of Rights and obtained a signed copy from the Pilot, Charles F. Maire, ATP Certificate # [REDACTED]. Pilot and Inspector attempted to activate the brakes, which were flat and had to be pumped up to obtain any pressure.

Due to the late hour, Inspector decided to return the next day to inspect aircraft records.

Inspector returned on 03/22/2015 to inspect aircraft records. Inspector noted that the aircraft had an annual inspection completed in January 2015 and had only flown 8.5hrs prior to accident. At the time of the annual, the aircraft brakes had been replaced and bled. Aircraft was current with AD's and required inspections.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No further action taken.

16. POWER PLANT MAKE/MODEL/SERIES

LYCOMING 0-540 SERIES

33. NARRATIVE

PILOT WAS ON APPROACH TO AIRPORT, AFTER TOUCHDOWN HE ACTUATED THE BRAKE HANDLE WITH NO BRAKING ABILITY. [REDACTED]

43. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF ISSUES INVOLVED

AIRCRAFT HAD A RECENT ANNUAL INSPECTION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE
SECONDARY CONSIDERATION WAS A WET GRASS SURFACE ON LANDING. [REDACTED]