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To: Roberts, Craig (FAA)

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Subject: TBM Avenger Incident, Glendale, AZ, 3/17/14

Mr. Roberts,

Statement:

On March 17, 2014, at approximately 10 a.m., I was flying a TBM Avenger N53503 relocating it from Luke Air Force Base (KLUF) to Glendale Municipal Airport (KGEU) which is about 4 nm away. Visual meteorological conditions with light and variable winds prevailed. This aircraft is owned by the American Heritage Airpower Museum located in Midland TX and is operated on behalf of the Commemorative Air Force, also located there.

My three passengers were USAF airmen who helped us significantly during our weekend static display at the LUF AFB airshow. Their names are MSgt Scott Batson, TSgt Domenick Passio, and SSgt Kristopher Steele. My first landing attempt on Runway 1 was aborted as the preceding Piper traffic took an unusually long time on runway to execute a touch and go. I left the TBM landing gear down for my go-around, and noted all gear safe lights lit and full 1500 lb hydraulic pressure on downwind, and noted again while on short final. The next approach landed softly at on the 1000 foot runway marker and I rolled out without braking.

As I began the left-hand turn-off at the A6 intersection, I inadvertently raised the landing gear lever by mistake, rather than the adjacent flap lever, causing the landing gear to begin retraction. The left gear collapsed causing the left wing tip to strike the ground. Sudden engine stoppage occurred with the ensuing propeller strike. There were no injuries, and all exited the aircraft quickly and safely.

The airport called a local aircraft recovery business who raised the aircraft and the gear was manually extended and locked normally via the emergency hydraulic hand pump. The aircraft was then normally towed off the runway and into their municipal tie down area. NTSB was notified and conducted a visual inspection of the aircraft and interviewed me.

Let me know if you need anything further ASAP as I will be leaving on vacation out of country on Saturday.

Rob Duncan