

ARIZONA SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

MARCH 2022 AVIATION ACCIDENT & INCIDENT SUMMARY

By Jim Timm

The following are the reports of aviation accidents, and incidents that have occurred in Arizona from mid February thru early March. We hope to use the following detailed accident information to develop safety programs, briefings, and posters/flyers that would help pilots learn from the mistakes being made by others, and be able to take the necessary action to prevent them from having similar occurrences.

In this reporting period aviation safety was relatively good because the number of accidents were down and the incidents were also down. The very important part of this report is that no one lost their life or got seriously hurt.

In continuing with the expanded scope of the report, we're using information from the Aviation Safety Network (ASN), FAA, NTSB, and APA Members. This more inclusive information source suites our purpose of trying to get an idea of what is happening out there so we can help make flying safer.

In the mean time, here are the results from the above sources.

Date: February 20, 2023
Source: FAA (Incident)
Location: Mesa (FFZ)
Type: Piper PA28-180
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

RUNWAY EXCURSION

After an instructional flight, while landing, the aircraft veered off the left side of the runway. The pilot reported a flat front tire, and a prop strike. The aircraft was removed from the runway by airport ops. personnel.

Pilot Certification Was Unknown

Date: March 1, 2023
Source: FAA (Incident)
Location: Mesa (FFZ)
Type: Piper PA28-181
Injuries: Unknown

RUNWAY EXCURSION

During it's landing roll out, the Piper Archer departed the runway, went through the safety area between intersections E3, and E4, and came to a stop on taxiway Echo. The airport management reported no damage to the airfield infrastructure as well no damage to the aircraft.

Pilot Certification Was Unknown

Date: March 6, 2023
Source: ASN, FAA (Incident)
Location: Laughlin/Bullhead (IFP)
Type: Rockwell 690A Turbo Commander
Injuries: 1 Uninjured, 1 Minor Injury

POSSIBLE FUEL EXHAUSTION

Per the ASN, the Rockwell 690A Turbo Commander departed Plainview-Hale County Airport, TX (PVW), and made an emergency diversion to Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport (IFP/KIFP), Arizona, after reporting problems while en-route to Las Vegas-Henderson Sky Harbor Airport (HND), Nevada, It landed between the runway and taxiway and struck a taxiway light during the process. The FAA suspected the aircraft had encountered a fuel exhaustion issue. Extent of Damage was undetermined.

The Pilot Held An ATP Rating

Date: March 8
Source: FAA, NTSB
Location: Not Given
Type: Eurocopter AS350
Injuries: Unknown Number Uninjured

HARD LANDING

The helicopters tail rotors were damaged during a hard landing. The NTSB damage assessment was that the damage was minor.

Pilot Certification Was Unknown

Date: March 8,2023
Source: ASN
Location: West of Tusayan, AZ.
Type: Piper PA34-200m Seneca
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

INFLIGHT LOSS OF POWER IN ONE ENGINE

After departing Glendale Airport (GEU), with a destination of Kanab Municipal Airport, Utah (KNB), the Piper PA-34-200 Seneca was not damaged subsequent to the forced landing west of Tusayan following an inflight loss of engine power in one engine over Coconino County short of an intended emergency destination of Grand Canyon National Park Airport (GCN).

Pilot Certification Was Unknown