



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location: Venice, Florida **Accident Number:** MIA07LA053

Date & Time: February 25, 2007, 09:55 Local Registration: N2213Z

Aircraft: Piper PA-28-181 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Factual Information

On February 25, 2007, about 0955 eastern standard time, a Piper PA-28-181, N2213Z, registered to and operated by a private individual, collided with the ground during a go-around at the Venice Municipal Airport, Venice, Florida. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and no flight plan was filed for the 14 CFR Part 91 instructional flight from Venice Municipal Airport. The airplane was substantially damaged and the student pilot, the sole occupant, sustained serious injuries. The flight originated about 0940, from Venice Municipal Airport.

The student pilot stated that he performed 4 landings with his certified flight instructor (CFI) on-board, then made 2 solo full-stop taxi-back landings. After takeoff the flight remained in the traffic pattern for a final full-stop landing but the wind was "very strong", and performed a go-around. He remained in the traffic pattern, and performed another go-around, then departed the traffic pattern. He flew 4-5 miles away from the airport, returned and entered the downwind leg, then turned onto base and final for runway 13. The wind seemed to "pick up" and the airplane was blown to the left of the runway centerline, and he performed a go-around by applying full power. The engine responded but when the flight was at 50 feet, the "wind seemed to take over." The airplane began losing altitude and impacted the ground in a left wing low attitude. He further reported the "engine was fine" and there were no problems with the flight controls.

A METAR taken at the airport at 0941, which was approximately 1 minute after the accident flight departed, or approximately 14 minutes before the accident, indicates the wind was from 160 degrees at 9 knots.

Student pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	38,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 1, 2007
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	28 hours (Total, all aircraft), 28 hour	rs (Total, this make and model)	

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N2213Z
Model/Series:	PA-28-181	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	287990405
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 1, 2006 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2550 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	142.22 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3134.82 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-360-A4M
Registered Owner:	Charles E. McCormick	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KVNC,18 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	09:41 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots / None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	160°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.05 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C / 18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	Venice, FL (KVNC)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Venice, FL (KVNC)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:	Venice Municipal KVNC	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	18 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	13	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4999 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Go around

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	27.071666,-82.440277

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Monville, Timothy	
Additional Participating Persons:	Fred Kaiser; FAA Flight Standards District Office; Tampa, FL	
Report Date:	November 19, 2007	
Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=65413	

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