## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASI	C INFORMA	TION											
Accide	nt/Incident Loc	ation				A	Acci	dent/Incid	ent Date/T	ime			
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Registr	ation Number:	N3659Z							ped and Ce				
Manufa	acturer: Piper							Commerci   Unmanned	al Space Fli Aircraft	gnt			
Model:	TriPacer PA2	2-150					Max	ximum Gr	oss Weigh	t: <u>2000</u>		lbs	
Serial N	Number: <u>22-75</u>	556					Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1497 lbs						
Year of	Manufacture:	1960					Nun	nber of Se	ats: 4		Flight Cre	w Seats: 1	
Amateı	ı <b>r-Built: O</b> Yes		Kit/Plans Mal	ke:								Seats: 3	
	<b>⊙</b> No		Original Design				Nun	nber of En	gines: 1				
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Date La	ast Inspection:			_	ELT Installed: •Yes •No				Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)				
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OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMA	ATION					
Registered Aircraft Owner		City: Lusby				
Name: Donald L Byrne Jr		State: MD ZIP: 20657				
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: O Yes •	No	Country: USA				
Operator of Aircraft	gistered Owner	☑ Same Address as Registered Owner				
Name:		City:				
Doing Business As:		State: ZIP:				
Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Charact	er Code):	Country:				
Operating Certificates Held (Check all that apply)	Regulation Flight Conducted Un	Under Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one for each group)				
☐ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)	OFAR 91 OFAR 129 OFAR OFAR 103 OFAR 133 OFAR OFAR 121 OFAR 135 OFAR OFAR 125 OFAR 137 OFAR OFAR 91 Special Flight O Non-US, Commercial O Non-US, Non-commercial	R 431 Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi International R 435				
□ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) □ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) □ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) □ Pilot School (FAR 141) □ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) □ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit □ Commercial Space Transportation License □ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	OPublic Aircraft (Select one) O Armed Forces	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one)  O Aerial Application O Aerial Observation O Air Drop O Air Race/Show O Instructional O Banner Tow O Business O Executive/Corporate  O Firefighting O Unknown O Instructional O Other Work Use O Personal O Positioning				
Revenue Sightseeing Flight	Air Medical Flight	O External Load O Skydiving				
O Yes <b>⊙</b> No	O Yes O No					
AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in	if accident/incident occurred on app	approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)				
Airport Name: Delaware Coastal Airport Identifier: KGED Proximity to Airport: O Off Airport/Airstri	p • On Airport/Airstrip ON/A	Distance From Airport Center:         0         sm           Direction From Airport:         N/A         degrees true           Airport Elevation:         53         ft. msl				
Runway Information		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)				
Runway ID: 28 (L/R/C) Length: 31  Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that at a grass/Turf   Maca   Ma	apply) adam					
Approach/Departure Segment (Select one	)	-				
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IFR Approach (Check all that apply)  □None		VFR Approach (Check all that apply)  □None				
□ ADF/NDB □ PAR □ SDF □ Sidestep □ VOR/TVOR □ ILS □ VOR/DME □ Localizer Only □ TACAN □ LOC-back course □ RNAV	□MLS □Practice   □LDA □GPS   □ASR □Visual   □Contact □Circling   □Unknown	□ Traffic Pattern       □ Stop and Go         □ Straight-In       □ Touch and Go         □ Valley/Terrain Following       □ Simulated Forced Landing         □ Go Around       □ Forced Landing         □ Full Stop       □ Precautionary Landing         □ Unknown				

"FLIGHT CREWMEME	BER 1" INF	ORMATI	ON									
"Flight Crewmember 1" Res ⊙ Pilot O Co-Pilot	ponsibilities a O Student Pilot			cident OCheck Pilot	<b>O</b> Fligh	t Engineer	O Other 1	Flight Crew				
"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☑ Yes □ No												
"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification												
First Name: Donald Jr City of Residence: Lusby												
Middle Initial:         L         State:         MD         ZIP:         20657												
Last Name: Byrne Country: USA												
Age at time of A	Accident/Incide	ent: <u>59</u>	_ Date of B		, -		m/dd/yyyy					
		C	ertificate Num	iber:								
Degree of Injury	Seat Occup	oied		Res	straint Ty	pe		]	Inflatable F	Restraints		
O None O Fatal	<b>⊙</b> Left	O Front	O Unknov	wn	Available	- !	Used					
Minor O Unknown   O Right   O None   O None   Not Installed												
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□ None □ Flight In:		Commercial	☐ US M	ilitary	<b>⊙</b> 4 <b>-</b> poin	t	<b>⊙</b> 4 <b>-</b> point		Deploye	ed		
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Medical Certificate Special Is	ssuance											
Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including		"	t Review Airo									
FAR 121/135 Checks:	09/06/2015		: American C		ircraft							
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	Other Aircra			ent Rating(s	()		r Rating(s)					
(Check all that apply)  ☐ None	(Check all that a ✓ None	арріу)	(Check al  ✓ None	'l that apply)		(Check all  ✓ None	that apply)	_	Instrument .	A irplane		
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Pilot in Command (PIC)	1,082	825	1,082	0			4	0	0	0		
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0		0	<u> </u>	0	0	0		
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"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident OPilot OCo-Pilot OSudent Pilot OFlight Instructor OCheek Pilot OFlight Engineer OOther Flight Crew  "Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying Vs Shaden Pilot OFlight Instructor OCheek Pilot OFlight Engineer OOther Flight Crew  "Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying Vs Shaden Pilot OFlight Instructor OCheek Pilot OFlight Engineer OOther Flight Crew  "Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying Vs Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer State OOther Flight Crew  "Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying Vs Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer State OOther Flight Crew  "Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying Vs Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer State OOther Flight Engineer OOther Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer Shaden OOther Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer Shaden OOther Shaden OOther Shaden Pilot OFlight Engineer Shaden OOther OOther Shaden
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City of Residence:
Middle Initial:
Last Name:
Age at time of Accident/Incident:
Date of Birth:
Degree of Injury
Degree of Injury
None
None   Serious   ORear   Osingle
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)
None
Private   Recreational   Student
Student   Sport   Flight Engineer   Student
O Pilot O Other O Class 1 O Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) O Unknown  Medical Certificate Limitations  Medical Certificate Special Issuance  Flight Review Aircraft Make:   mm/dd/yyyy
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Other
Medical Certificate Limitations  Medical Certificate Special Issuance    Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:
Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:   mm/dd/yyyy   Make:
Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:    mm/dd/yyyy   Model:
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mm/dd/yyyy     Model:       Airplane Rating(s)     Other Aircraft Rating(s)     Instrument Rating(s)     Instructor Rating(s)       (Check all that apply)     (Check all that apply)     (Check all that apply)       □ None     □ None     □ None     □ None     □ None     □ Instrument Airplane       □ Single-Engine Land     □ Airship     □ Airplane     □ Airplane Single-Engine     □ Instrument Helicopter       □ Single-Engine Sea     □ Balloon     □ Helicopter     □ Airplane Multi-Engine     □ Helicopter
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☐ Multiengine Sea ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport
☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift
Type Ratings Student Endorsements (Include dates)
Flight Time (Enter appropriate All This Make Single Airplane Lighter
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Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  Air
Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)  Total Time  Pilot in Command (PIC)  Time as Instructor  This Make/Model  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  Aircraft  All Aircraft  Aircraft  All Aircraft  Aircraft  Aircraft  Aircraft  Aircraft  Aircraft  Airplane Multiengine  Night  Actual Simulated  Rotorcraft  Glider  Than Air  This Make/Model
Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  All Aircraft  Air

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)										
Crew Name and Add	ress						Seat Occupie	ed	Injury	
First Name:         City of Residence:           Middle Initial:         State:         ZIP:           Last Name:         Country:						O Left O Center O Right	O Front O Rear O Single O Unknown	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (C  None Private Student  Type Rating/Endorse Accident/Incident Air	Flight Instructor Recreational Sport	□ Airli □ Flig		oort		hrs	Restraint Ty Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	pe: Used O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	Inflatable Restraints  Not Installed Installed Not Deployed Deployed Unknown	
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Crew Name and Address   First Name: City of Residence:   Middle Initial: State: ZIP:   Last Name: Country:						OLeft OCenter ORight	O Front O Rear O Single O Unknown	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)  None   Flight Instructor   Commercial   US Military   Private   Recreational   Airline Transport   Foreign   Student   Sport   Flight Engineer  Type Rating/Endorsement for   Total Flight Time at the Time   Accident/Incident Aircraft?   Yes   No   of this Accident/Incident:   hrs						Restraint Ty Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	Vsed None Lap Only 3-point 4-point 5-point Unknown	Inflatable Restraints  Not Installed Installed Deployed Unknown		
PASSENGER(S) /	OTHER PERSO	ONNEL (I	nclude c	abin crew; c	ontinue on s	eparate shee	t if necessary)	·		
Name and Address				Seat	Injury	Restraint T	`уре	Inflatable Restraints	Age	
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First Name: Middle Initial: Last Name: OCrew	State:	ZIP:	<u> </u>	OLeft OCenter ORight OUnknown Row:	O None O Minor O Serious O Fatal O Unknown	Available O None O Lap Only O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point O Unknown	O 3-point O 4-point O 5-point	□ Not Installed □ Installed □ Not Deployed □ Deployed □ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years	
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FLIGHT ITINERARY	/ INFORMATIO	N						
Last Departure Point	Tin	ne of Departure	Destination	on		Type Fligh	ıt Plan F	iled
Airport ID: KGED		1400 lassi	Airport ID:	MD50		None		O VFR/IFR
City: Georgetown	Tim	e: 1400 local	City: Lust	ру		O Company		O IFR
State: DE	Tim	e Zone: EST	State: MD			O Military O VFR	VFK	O Unknown
Country: USA	-		Country: L			_	OYes	ONo OUnknown
Type of ATC Clearance/S	ervice (Check all tha	t annly)	country.					
, · ·	☐ Special VFR		ecial IFR		☐ VFR Flight Foll	owing	☐ Crui	se
	□ IFR	□ VF	R On Top		☐ Traffic Advisory	7	☐ Unkı	nown / NA
Airspace where the accide							Altitu	de of In-Flight
☐ Class A ☐ Class B	☐ Class G☐ Demo Area		itary Operations port Advisory A		☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Cont	rol Aron	Occui	rence:
	☐ Warning Area		Training Area	ica	Unknown	ioi Aica	14	00 ft msl
☐ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	TR:			_			
☑ Class E	Restricted Area	☐ FA						
WEATHER INFORM		E ACCIDEN	T/INCIDEN	T SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather I	nformation				servation Facility	•		
(Check all that apply)  ✓ National Weather Service	☐ Coi	nnany		Facility ID: KO	GED			
☐ Flight Service Station	☐ Mil			Observation Ti	ne: <u>1854</u>			
☐ TV/Radio	☐ Inte			Time Zone: Z	ulu (GMT)			
<ul><li>✓ Automated Report</li><li>☐ Commercial Weather Servi</li></ul>	ce (DUATS)			Distance from A	Accident Site: 0		nm	
On-Board Weather	cc (DOATS)	CHOWH		Direction from	Accident Site: N/A	<b>.</b>	degrees	true
Basic Conditions		Light Conditi	ion					
<b>⊙</b> VMC		<b>O</b> Dawn	<b>O</b> Dusk	<b>O</b> Dark		known		
OIMC		<b>⊙</b> Day	<b>O</b> Night	<b>O</b> Brigh	nt Night			
O Unknown	_	<u> </u>						
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condit		Ceiling		01 1	Temperature:		(C) or _	<b>44</b> (F)
O Clear O Few	<ul><li>○ Thin Broken</li><li>⊙ Thin Overcast</li></ul>	O None (Clear) O Broken		Obscured Indefinite	Dew Point:	(C	C) or	<b>21</b> (F)
O Partial Obscuration	O Unknown	• Overcast	_	Unknown				
O Scattered					Altimeter Sett	or		
Lowest Cloud Condition	_	Ceiling Heigh	t			or		,
<u>5500</u>	ft agl	5500		ft agl				
Wind Direction	Wind Speed	'	Wind Gusts	l	Visibility	10	miles	
☐ Variable	☐ Calm		☐ Not Gustir	ng	DVD	:		
	Light and Var	iable						
<b>-or-</b> Direction: 270 degrees tru	-or- ue Speed: 10	kts	-or- Speed: <u>19</u>	1sto	RVV		miles	0
				kts	Density Altitu		71 1 11 .	_ ft
Intensity of Precipitation	_*	tation (Check all i		ъ.	Restriction to  None	visibility (C ∏		hat apply)
O Light O Moderate	☑ <sub>None</sub> □ Rain	☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets	☐ Freezin ☐ Snow S	g Kain hower	☐ Blowing Du		rog Ground Fo	)g
O Heavy	Snow	☐ Snow Pellet	ts 🔲 Ice Pell		☐ Blowing Sa	nd 🔲 I	Haze	5
<b>⊙</b> N/A	Hail	Snow Grain		g Drizzle	☐ Blowing Sn☐ Blowing Sp		ce Fog	
<b>O</b> Unknown	☐ Rain Showers	☐ Ice Crystals	l .		☐ Dust		Smoke Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Icing Actual			Turbulence			
Amount Type		Amount	Type		Type (Check a	ll that apply)	Se	verity
<b>⊙</b> None <b>⊙</b> N/A		None	<b>⊙</b> N/A		✓ None	11 27		Light
O Trace O Rime O Light O Clear		O Trace O Light	O Rime O Clear		☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Indu	iced		Moderate Severe
O Light O Clear O Moderate O Mixe		O Moderate	O Mixe		☐ Convective		_	Extreme
O Severe O Unkn		O Severe	O Unkr					
<b>O</b> Unknown		O Unknown						
NOTAMs (D and FDC)	, AIRMETs, SIG	METs, PIREP	s in effect at	the time of th	e accident/inci	dent:		
None applicable to this a	ccident/incident							

DAMAGE	DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY										
Aircraft Dam O None	O Substantial	Aircraft Fire O None	Both Ground and In-Flight	Aircraft Explosion O None	O Both Ground and In-Flight						
O Minor	O Destroyed O Unknown	O In-Flight O On-Ground	O Fire at Unknown Time O Unknown	O In-Flight O On-Ground	O Explosion at Unknown Time O Unknown						

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

Aircraft destroyed by post flight fire and right hand wing fuel tank explosion.

Airport (KGED) center field grass burned, approximately six to eight acres according to the airport manager.

## NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

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 departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Departed runway 28 at Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED) for return flight to home field (MD50, Chesapeake Ranch Airport). Continued climb out on runway heading. At 1400 feet MSL initiated slow left turn. Smoke started coming from around the instruments from behind the instrument panel. Within 2 seconds smoke turned to a black, sooty, choking smoke that filled the entire cockpit making it impossible to breath or see out the windshield and side windows. I declared an emergency on KGED UNICOM frequency and stated that I was returning to the airfield. I opened the left side vent window (about 6 x 10 inches in size that opens about 4 inches at the bottom) and put the aircraft into a sideslip (full right rudder input). By putting my face close to the vent window I could breath and had a small opening to see the ground. Approximately five seconds after the black heavy smoke started, flame was coming up from behind the instrument panel and along the inside of the windshield toward my face. I used my right arm to cover my face and controlled the aircraft with my left hand on the control yoke. I saw the numbers 28 on the approach end of the runway I had just departed on through my vent window and put the aircraft into a dive toward the numbers. I did not shut the engine down in order to expedite my descent from 1400 feet MSL. At what appeared visually to be 300 feet AGL a melted piece of head liner fell on my head and face causing severe burns on my forehead. I released the control voke and used both hands to clear the fire and material from my face and head. When I grabbed the control voke with my left hand and looked out the vent window all I saw was trees. I instinctively pulled full aft control (nose up) and when I cleared the trees the numbers 28 on the approach end of the runway where about 30 yards ahead and to the left. I landed the aircraft on runway 28 with power still at cruise setting and flaps up (quessing airspeed was at least 60 kts). I pulled the throttle control to idle and the mixture control to idle cutoff and applied brakes using my right hand (The Piper TriPacer has a single "Johnson Bar" brake lever under the center instrument panel that activates both main wheel brakes). The aircraft initially started to decelerate and then the brake lever snapped back in my hand. At that point with fire burning my face I released my four point harness with my left hand as I opened the right hand cockpit door with my right hand. I pulled myself through the door while the aircraft was still in motion (approximately 40 kts). I hit the ground hard on my chest and face and slid on the grass to a stop. (While I was exiting the aircraft it left the right hand side of the runway into the center field grass). The aircraft rolled to a stop approximately 30 yards in front of me. Fire engulfed the cockpit and right hand wing due to the open door and a left quartering crosswind. Within five seconds the right hand wing fuel tank exploded dropping the right hand wing to the ground and scattering flaming material around the center field grass. A Coast Guard helicopter who had departed KGED just prior to me heard my emergency call, returned to the airport and landed in the center field grass area close to the burning aircraft. A Paramedic and two aircrew from the helicopter ran to me, determined there was no one else in the aircraft and provided assistance until the ambulance arrived.

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