

Personal details

Name Donald DeHaven

Status Student pilot – working on Private Pilot

Date of Incident January 24, 2023

Plane Piper Cherokee 140 P28A

Departure KLZU Lawrenceville GA at approx. 3:20 PM

Notes

- This was my first time in the Piper Cherokee 140.
- We preflight the plane and called for fuel and added 1 qt of oil
- Run up and take off went well.
- We departed to the North for practicing the following:
 - Straight and level with different trim system
 - Climbs and Descents
 - Flight with all different flap configurations
 - Ground reference maneuvers
 - Turns around a point
 - S Turns over roads
 - Started pattern work on a field
- Return to KLZU started around 4:00 PM from the Cumming area
- Climbed to approximately 3,000 feet
- Approximately 10 miles from the field we called for clearance started our descent to 2,000 feet
- During the descent I was instructed to change tanks on plane.
- Fuel selector may have been moved to the off position
- Shortly after the change and at approximately 2,000 feet we loss power to the engine.
- I turned over control of the plane to the instructor Laura
- We declared an emergency on the radio
- I was instructed to get the emergency procedures.
- We started working these procedures but were out of altitude
- I was calling out airspeed and watching for trees in the area
- We collided with an eighteen-wheeler that held us in the upright position until we disengaged.
- Once free of the truck we in a nose down attitude
- There we braced for any vehicle impact from behind
- We evacuated the plane in case of a fire
- Called 911 and the flight school