



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Evansville, IN	Accident Number:	CEN23LA022
Date & Time:	October 30, 2022, 13:58 Local	Registration:	N349SB
Aircraft:	Piper PA-32R-300	Injuries:	2 Serious, 2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On October 30, 2022, about 1358 eastern daylight time, a Piper PA-32R-300 airplane, N349SB, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Evansville, Indiana. The pilot and one passenger sustained serious injuries, and two passengers were not injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to preliminary air traffic control and local authority information, the pilot notified Evansville Regional Airport (EVV) approach control that the airplane's engine was running rough, and he wanted to divert to EVV. The pilot was cleared for landing on runway 4, and then the pilot reported the engine lost total power about 8 miles southwest of EVV. The controller advised the pilot of a nearby grass airstrip, and there were no further communications by the pilot.

Examination of the accident site revealed the airplane attempted a forced landing to a golf course. From the initial impact to the airplane resting point, the airplane traveled about 280 ft. The airplane came to rest upright and sustained substantial damage to the fuselage, both wings, and horizontal stabilizer (see Figure 1.). The wreckage was retained for further examination.



Figure 1. Accident airplane (photograph provided by Federal Aviation Administration)

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N349SB
Model/Series:	PA-32R-300	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KEVV, 402 ft msl	Observation Time:	13:54 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	2 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	17°C / 15°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	7 knots / , 180°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1100 ft AGL	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.92 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Departure Point:	Taylorville, IL (TAZ)	Destination:	Gallatin, TN (XNX)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Serious, 2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Serious, 2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	37.994896,-87.607827 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Sauer, Aaron
Additional Participating Persons:	Louis Soto; FAA; Indianapolis, IN
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.