

NTSB ISSUES FIVE SAFETY ALERTS FOR GA PILOTS AND MECHANICS

The NTSB issued five safety alerts on March 12 that aim to highlight the five most frequent errors that cause general aviation accidents. "We see the same types of accidents over and over again," said NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman. "What's especially tragic is that so many of these accidents are entirely preventable." The alerts remind pilots to develop effective risk-management strategies, pay close attention to maintenance issues and always conduct a careful diagnostic flight after leaving the shop, be vigilant when flying at night or in reduced visibility, and be sure to understand stalls and how to prevent them. One alert, aimed at mechanics, reminds them to carefully follow procedures when conducting inspections and maintaining aircraft.



See below for the links.

Hersman said "We are promoting and distributing the alerts to reach pilots and mechanics who can benefit from these lifesaving messages." The five safety alerts issued on March 12, as well as others that have been issued since 2004, are posted online. The PowerPoint presentations that investigators made to the board on Tuesday also are archived online. According to the NTSB, video of the board meeting will be posted online for 90 days. The NTSB writes "Take action to improve your safety and the safety of your family and friends by following the suggestions in these NTSB Safety Alerts. NTSB Safety Alerts provide safety information you can use, and urge you to encourage lawmakers to improve safety at the State level."

Aviation Safety

- [Pilots: Manage Risks to Ensure Safety \(SA-023\)](#) (112 KB) **New!**
- [Mechanics: Manage Risks to Ensure Safety \(SA-022\)](#) (113 KB) **New!**

(Information adapted from AvWEBbiz 03/13/13 and the NTSB)

BIZJET ACCIDENTS INCREASED IN 2012 *WILL THIS INCREASE CONTINUE IN 2013?*

There have been several business jet crashes the first part of this year, 2013. On March 17 a Hawker Beechcraft 390 Premier IA jet crashed near the South Bend Regional Airport, South Bend, Indiana (KSNB). The private pilot and pilot-rated-passenger occupying the cockpit seats were fatally injured. An additional two passengers and one individual on the ground sustained serious injuries. After mechanical difficulties caused the pilot to abort his first landing attempt, the airplane made a second landing attempt with only the nose landing gear extended. Several witnesses observed the airplane bounce several times on the runway before it ultimately entered a climbing right turn. The airplane was then observed to enter a nose low descent into a nearby residential community -- [NTSB report](#). Then on March 04, 2013, another Beechcraft Premier 390 crashed in Cranves-Sales, France. The aircraft was on approach in a snowstorm when it hit a transformer and power lines and crashed. The pilot and copilot were fatally injured; the sole passenger sustained serious injuries -- [NTSB report](#). Of course there was the Premier IA crash after an aborted landing near the Thomson, Georgia airport (HQU) on February 20 where the the pilot and copilot received severe injuries and five passengers died -- [NTSB report](#).



Hawker Beechcraft 390 Premier IA
(Beech file photo)

According to [Corporate Jet Investor](#) there were more business jet accidents in 2012 than the previous year and American operators were particularly hard hit. Corporate Jet Investor quotes an annual study by Robert E. Breiling Associates as putting the world-wide total of business jet accidents in 2012 at 28, including seven fatal accidents. That's up from 25 total accidents with four involving fatalities in 2011. Of the seven fatal accidents in 2012, five involved U.S.-registered aircraft, where there were no U.S. planes involved in fatalities the previous year. The total number of fatalities was also up in 2012. Business jet accidents killed 26 people in 2012 compared to 14 in 2011.

(Information adapted from multiple sources including AVwebBIZ, AVweb, Corporate Jet Investor, Daily Mail UK, Business-Jet-News, Plane and Pilot)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2013

Wednesday-Sunday, April 3 - 6: Sunstate Wing and Rotor Club *Bensen Days Rotorcraft Fly-In:* Wauchula, Florida at the Wauchula Airport (KCHN). Website: [Bensen Days](#) or [Bensen Days](#) "This year, the event officially starts on Wednesday April 3rd and wraps up Saturday the 6th. But we're not that "official," so feel free to come early and stay late. Folks start arriving as much as a week early." UNICOM/CTAF 122.9 mhz. ZIP code 33873. GPS: 27° 30.82'N / 81° 52.84'W; RUNWAY: 18/35 4000' x 75' asphalt. Airport attended continuously. Fuel: 100LL Wauchula, Florida. For airport info see: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KCHN> For driving directions click on [Wauchula Airport](#) .

Friday - Saturday, April 5-6: Sport Aviation "Gathering" Barnwell County Airport, Barnwell, South Carolina (BNL) CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8. The Sport Aviation Association (SAA) -- original founder: Paul H. Poberezny -- will hold its first annual "gathering" of airplanes at the Barnwell Regional Airport.

See sportaviationassociation.org for more information of what's planned.

According to the organizers, the SAA is more inclined toward "grassroots aviation" because EAA no longer seems to be interested in our type airplanes and interests. All types of airplanes are welcome. There will be several forums each day with some hands on demonstrations. Examples: prop carving demo, rib making , building wooden airplanes, engine turning, etc. For more information, read about the "gathering" on the airport web site www.barnwellregionalairport.com . This is the Friday-Saturday before the start of the *Sun'n Fun Fly-in* at Lakeland, Florida. The airport has plenty of 100LL, 93 Octane Mogas and Jet-A [*ed. note: the cheapest 100LL in the area!*]. Food will be available on the airport and there is a courtesy van for any who might want to go into town to eat. Everything in town is less than two miles away. At present, there are two motels locally. The Days Inn [803-541-5000] and Carolina Lodge [803-259-2014] and newly renovated Winton Inn will be open in mid-March [803-259-5007]. Primitive camping is available on the airport. Restrooms are located in the terminal as well as one in the big hangar. There is one shower in the terminal.

The airport has two usable runways: 17-35 and 5-23. In addition, there is a 2500 ft grass strip, on the south-east side of and adjacent to runway 17-35. It will be marked with white marker panels prior to the SAA "Gathering" for those who prefer landing on grass. Fly in and enjoy the two day event. We expect to have home built, antiques, classics and ??? For specific information call the airport office at 803-259-1090 between the hours of 9 to 5 seven days a week or send an email to barnwellairport@bellsouth.net

Sunday, April 7: SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB Rock Hill Airport, Rock Hill, South Carolina (KUZA). CTAF/UNICOM: 123.05. ZIPcode 29732. Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Questions: Contact Anne Hawkins (803) 432-9595. Click [Rock Hill Airport](#) for airport info. For driving directions click on [Driving Directions Rock Hill Airport](#) .

Tuesday-Sunday, April 9 - 14: Sun 'n Fun® 2013 Fly-In: Lakeland, Florida, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (KLAL) <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/> for details. UNICOM 122.95; CTAF 124.5 mhz. ZIP code 33811. See <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KLAL> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Linder Regional Airport](#)

Saturday, April 13: EAA 172 Breakfast Fly-in 9:00-10:00 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). Grits, bacon, eggs! Great people to meet! A short business meeting will be around 10:00-10:30 AM after the meal. Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- fair --; GPS: N33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact Sid Brown (706) 814-8853 *eMail:* sid@thesidbrowns.com or John Magnan (706) 547-3607 *eMail:* jcm2@earthlink.net Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For the agenda click [HERE](#).