

GRUMMAN AMERICAN AVN. CORP. AA-1B Aircraft Crash Site near Golden, NM

DATE March 9, 2009

AIRCRAFT Grumman American AVN. Corp. AA-1B, Registration No. N9646L

GENERAL LOCATION San Pedro Mountains near Golden, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot and one passenger

REFERENCES Official NTSB Docket ID No. CEN09FA195, and an *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper article

HISTORY

This historical information was extracted and summarized from official NTSB Identification Report CEN09FA195. Refer to that document for more details.

On March 9, 2009, about 0540 MDT, the subject airplane was destroyed upon impact with terrain following inadvertent flight into instrument conditions near Golden, New Mexico. The pilot was not instrument rated. Both the private pilot owner and the passenger were fatally injured in the crash. The two occupants were making a daily commute to Los Alamos, NM, from Edgewood, NM, when the accident occurred. Two postmortem blood samples (at 0.075 and 0.092 mg/dL ethanol) from the pilot were consistent with the effects of alcohol impairment.

On May 24, 2010, crash explorers visited the area and found crash debris. The location is right next to a dirt road. The local area was burned after impact. Very little debris was found, probably due to easy access to the site that allowed recovery crews to do a very complete cleanup.



Photo of a similar Grumman AA-1B aircraft