

## PA22 crash site near Bernardo, NM

DATE January 24, 1965

AIRCRAFT Piper PA-22 Tri-Pacer, Registration No. N4436A

GENERAL LOCATION On a ridge of Ladron Peak, Bernardo, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot and two passengers

REFERENCES NTSB ID DEN65A0051, Probable Cause, Personal communications with crash explorers who found the information in old newspaper files

### HISTORY

The crash site has been visited by several crash explorers. While no identification markings were found on the crash that conclusively identify it with the plane crash reported in DEN65A0051, the newspaper stories fit the crash location and date. Also, there were no other plane crashes reported around Bernardo at the time.

This plane contained three businessmen on a business flight from Albuquerque to Cliff, NM. It never reached the destination and a search was initiated. A pilot, not involved in the official search, finally located the plane on April 15, 1965, almost three months after the crash. It was found “outside the official search zone” but “...on a direct line from Albuquerque to Cliff, NM their destination.” All three aboard perished.



Photo of a similar Piper PA-22 Tri-Pacer aircraft