

## PA-23 crash site near Corona, NM

DATE October 22, 1977

AIRCRAFT Piper PA-23 Aztec, Registration No. N1906T

GENERAL LOCATION Gallinas Mountains near Corona, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot

REFERENCES NTSB ID No. DEN78FA004, and *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper article, 10-24-1977

### HISTORY

The pilot was making a cargo flight from Roswell, NM, to Albuquerque. The NTSB report indicated that he was flying at 0145 hrs under VFR flight conditions on a very dark night. The report further says, "10MILES S OF COURSE, HIT MTN PEAK. NORMALLY FLEW AIRWAYS." The pilot perished in the crash.

In 2011, crash explorers visited a crash site described to them by a local resident, without knowing anything about the crash history. The site had been scavenged several times by local people. However, the remaining debris convinced the explorers it was a two-engine Piper aircraft. The local people did not supply a crash date, and there is no absolute certainty that the debris found was from PA -23 Aztec, No. N1906T. However, the location in the Gallinas Mountains agrees with the event description and the crash site at the top of a mountain peak fits the NTSB reference. Therefore, this crash site is assumed to be that of the subject airplane.



Photo of a similar type Piper PA-23 Aztec aircraft.