



Aircraft Occurrences February 2023

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| ТВА | 13-02-2023 | ZU-COD | FAPX | Windlass Aquilla | Dperation of Non-type Certified Aircraft | EC | 0 | On Monday morning, 13 February 2023 at 0520Z, a pilot and a passenger on-board a microlight aircraft took off on a local pleasure flight from Runway 26 at Paradise Beech Aerodrome (FAPX). The pilot stated that the flight was uneventful. After being airborne for approximately 30 minutes, they returned to FAPX for a full stop landing. The pilot stated that he followed the unmanned aerodrome approach procedure, and during his assessment of the wind, he noted that there was none after checking the windsock. The pilot then landed on Runway 26. On final approach whilst he was trying to correct the aircraft's attitude, the airspeed decayed substantially. During the flare the aircraft stalled which resulted in a hard landing. The aircraft veered off to the right of the runway and careered through the vegetation before it came to rest after impacting a tree. |
| ТВА | 18-02-2023 | ZS-EMH | FATP | M20F | Aviation Training Organisation | FS | 0 | On 18 February 2023, a flight instructor and a student pilot onboard a Piper Mooney M20F aircraft with registration ZS-EMH took off on a training flight from New Tempe Aerodrome (FATP) to the general flying area (GFA). The flight was conducted under visual meteorological conditions (VMC) by day and under the provisions of Part 141 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011 as amended. During the return from the GFA whilst performing a landing on Runway 01, the duo did not lower the undercarriage and the aircraft landed on its belly and skidded for some distance before coming to stop. This resulted in the propeller striking the ground. |
| ТВА | 21-02-2023 | ZS-NSY | FAGC | BE-76 | Aviation Training Organisation | GO | 0 | On 21 February 2023, a flight instructor and two student pilots on-board a Beech aircraft with registration ZS-NSY took off on a training flight from Grand Central Aerodrome (FAGC) to Wonderboom Aerodrome (FAWB), both in Gauteng province. The flight was conducted under visual meteorological conditions (VMC) by day and under the provisions of Part 141 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011 as amended. The pilot and the students took off again from FAWB to FAGC. The flight from FAGC to FAWB was uneventful. The aircraft got airborne again after the students change over. Whilst inbound FAGC, the instructor pilot reported that they were cleared for landing on Runway 17. During landing just after touchdown at 65 knots, the left undercarriage collapsed. As a result, the aircraft veered off to the left of the runway before it came to stop on the grass. |
| ТВА | 21-02-2023 | ZS-RTH | Brisbane private farm | R44 II | General Operating and Flight Rules | NW | 0 | On 21 February 2023, a pilot and a passenger on-board the R44 Helicopter with the registration ZS- RTH took off from Brisbane private farm in Northwest province, with the intention to fly around the farm before landing back on the same farm. This was a private flight conducted in visual meteorological conditions (VMC) by day and under the provisions of Part 91 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011 as amended. The pilot reported that during the turn to the right whilst flying at a height of approximately 40 feet on the downwind, the main rotor blades made contact with the ground, and he lost control of the helicopter. Subsequently, the aircraft crashed. The pilot evacuated the helicopter unassisted. The passenger's feet were stuck under the helicopter. The helicopter was lifted to release the passenger. The helicopter was substantially damaged. The pilot sustained no injuries and the passenger sustained minor injuries. Cause: During a right turn and in downwind conditions, the main rotor severed the tail boom and rendered the helicopter uncontrollable. |

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| | | | | | | | | an uncontained engine failure; and there was a hole on the upper crankcase. No people were injured during the occurrence; damage to the aircraft was limited to the engine. |
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| ТВА | 18.02.2022 | 75 MUD | Silver Creek Airfield | DA 29D 201 | General Operating | N/4/ | | On 18 February 2023, a pilot and a passenger on-board a piper aircraft with registration ZS-MUD took off from Silver Creek, in the Northwest province with the intention to land at the same airfield. The flight was conducted under visual meteorological conditions (VMC) by day and under the provisions of Part 91 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2011 as amended. The pilot reported that it started to rain during the approach for landing, and the visibility was reduced. After touch down, there were Zebra's on Runway 08. The pilot tried to avoid the animals by applying brakes. The starboard brake became defective, and this resulted in the aircraft veering off to the left of runway before it came to a stop. The |
| | 18-02-2023 | ZS-MUD | Silver Creek Airfield | PA-28R-201 | and Flight Rules | NW | 0 | aircraft sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported. |

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