



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Gainesville, GA	Accident Number:	ERA26LA109
Date & Time:	February 9, 2026, 17:32 Local	Registration:	N229TT
Aircraft:	HAWKER BEECHCRAFT CORP G36	Injuries:	2 Minor, 2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On February 09, 2026, about 1732 eastern standard time, a Beechcraft G36, N229TT, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Gainesville, Georgia. The pilot and flight instructor were uninjured, and two occupants of separate automobiles received minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 personal flight.

According to the pilot, the purpose of the flight was to build flight hours with a flight instructor to satisfy insurance requirements for single-pilot operations. Preliminary ADS-B data showed that after departing from Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport (GVL), Gainesville, Georgia, the airplane flew north about 115 miles and performed an approach to the Knoxville Downtown Island Airport (DKX), Knoxville, Tennessee. Shortly after departing DKX, the airplane flew about 90 miles east and landed at Tri-Cities Airport (TRI), Blountville, Tennessee. The airplane then departed TRI and returned to GVL. Shortly after arriving at GVL, the airplane departed again and flew northwest for about 4 miles. The airplane then made a 180° left turn and proceeded back toward GVL. After flying for about 2 miles, the airplane made another left turn and lined up with Browns Ridge Rd. The last preliminary data point showed the airplane flying just above Browns Bridge Rd.

The pilot and flight instructor reported that the previous legs of the flight were uneventful and the airplane operated normally. The flight instructor reported that the second takeoff and departure from GVL was normal; however, during the climb to their cruise altitude, the engine rpm gauge indicated over 3,400 rpm (the maximum rpm of the engine was 2,700 rpm). The engine rpm subsequently fluctuated between 1,600 and 3,400, and the engine ran rough and sputtered. They initiated a return to GVN, but determined they would be unable to reach the runway, and elected to perform a forced landing to Browns Bridge Rd. During the forced landing, the airplane impacted 3 automobiles. A postaccident examination of the airplane revealed it had sustained substantial damage to the right wing and the fuselage.

The wreckage was retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	HAWKER BEECHCRAFT CORP	Registration:	N229TT
Model/Series:	G36	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KGVL,1268 ft msl	Observation Time:	12:00 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	8°C /-6°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / None, 80°
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.29 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Departure Point:	Gainesville, GA (GVL)	Destination:	Cherokee, GA (CNI)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	2 Minor	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor, 2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	34.28636,-83.841469 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gibson, Kurt
Additional Participating Persons:	Bradley Harrell; FAA/FSDO; Atlanta, GA
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.