



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Umatilla, Florida                    | <b>Accident Number:</b> | ERA26LA112  |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>        | February 9, 2026, 17:05 Local        | <b>Registration:</b>    | N245MJ      |
| <b>Aircraft:</b>               | Beech B19                            | <b>Aircraft Damage:</b> | Substantial |
| <b>Defining Event:</b>         | Landing gear collapse                | <b>Injuries:</b>        | 1 None      |
| <b>Flight Conducted Under:</b> | Part 91: General aviation - Personal |                         |             |

## Analysis

The pilot reported that, during the landing roll, he felt the airplane pulling to the right and that directional control was difficult. The airplane exited the runway and entered the grass where it ultimately struck an airport sign, which resulted in substantial damage to the right wing. A postaccident examination of the airplane revealed that the right main landing gear had separated from the airplane during the landing roll. A photograph of the main landing gear fracture revealed corrosion on half of the internal metal support structure and clean metal from the fresh separation and failure of the gear support.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The failure of the right main landing gear during the landing roll, which resulted in a loss of control on the ground and collision with an airport sign.

## Findings

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| <b>Aircraft</b> | Main landing gear - Fatigue/wear/corrosion |
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## Factual Information

### History of Flight

|                      |                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Landing-landing roll | Landing gear collapse (Defining event) |
| Landing-landing roll | Loss of control on ground              |
| Landing-landing roll | Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)     |

### Pilot Information

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Certificate:              | Commercial                                                                                                                                                                                         | Age:                              | 27,Male          |
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Single-engine land                                                                                                                                                                                 | Seat Occupied:                    | Left             |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None                                                                                                                                                                                               | Restraint Used:                   | Lap only         |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | Airplane                                                                                                                                                                                           | Second Pilot Present:             | No               |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | None                                                                                                                                                                                               | Toxicology Performed:             |                  |
| Medical Certification:    | Class 3 Without waivers/limitations                                                                                                                                                                | Last FAA Medical Exam:            | January 22, 2024 |
| Occupational Pilot:       | No                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | February 7, 2025 |
| Flight Time:              | 548 hours (Total, all aircraft), 256 hours (Total, this make and model), 471 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 122 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 47 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft) |                                   |                  |

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

|                               |                                |                                |                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Aircraft Make:                | Beech                          | Registration:                  | N245MJ           |
| Model/Series:                 | B19                            | Aircraft Category:             | Airplane         |
| Year of Manufacture:          | 1976                           | Amateur Built:                 |                  |
| Airworthiness Certificate:    | Normal                         | Serial Number:                 | MB 814           |
| Landing Gear Type:            | Tricycle                       | Seats:                         | 4                |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | December 3, 2025 Annual        | Certified Max Gross Wt.:       | 2150 lbs         |
| Time Since Last Inspection:   | 40 Hrs                         | Engines:                       | 1 Reciprocating  |
| Airframe Total Time:          | 6600.7 Hrs at time of accident | Engine Manufacturer:           | Lycoming Engines |
| ELT:                          | Installed, not activated       | Engine Model/Series:           | O-320-E3D        |
| Registered Owner:             | On file                        | Rated Power:                   | 150 Horsepower   |
| Operator:                     | On file                        | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None             |

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

|                                  |                                  |                                      |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Conditions at Accident Site:     | Visual (VMC)                     | Condition of Light:                  | Day               |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | LEE, 75 ft msl                   | Distance from Accident Site:         | 11 Nautical Miles |
| Observation Time:                | 17:00 Local                      | Direction from Accident Site:        | 226°              |
| Lowest Cloud Condition:          | Clear                            | Visibility                           | 10 miles          |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  | None                             | Visibility (RVR):                    |                   |
| Wind Speed/Gusts:                | 4 knots / None                   | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:     | None / None       |
| Wind Direction:                  | 130°                             | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | N/A / N/A         |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 30.21 inches Hg                  | Temperature/Dew Point:               | 23°C / 3°C        |
| Precipitation and Obscuration:   | No Obscuration; No Precipitation |                                      |                   |
| Departure Point:                 | Williston, FL (X60)              | Type of Flight Plan Filed:           | None              |
| Destination:                     | Umatilla, FL                     | Type of Clearance:                   | None              |
| Departure Time:                  | 16:15 Local                      | Type of Airspace:                    | Class E           |

## Airport Information

|                      |                   |                           |           |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Airport:             | UMATILLA MUNI X23 | Runway Surface Type:      | Asphalt   |
| Airport Elevation:   | 106 ft msl        | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry       |
| Runway Used:         | 19                | IFR Approach:             | None      |
| Runway Length/Width: | 2876 ft / 60 ft   | VFR Approach/Landing:     | Full stop |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

|                     |        |                      |                     |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Crew Injuries:      | 1 None | Aircraft Damage:     | Substantial         |
| Passenger Injuries: | N/A    | Aircraft Fire:       | None                |
| Ground Injuries:    | N/A    | Aircraft Explosion:  | None                |
| Total Injuries:     | 1 None | Latitude, Longitude: | 28.92428,-81.651777 |

## Administrative Information

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Investigator In Charge (IIC):     | Enders, Ryan                                                                                            |
| Additional Participating Persons: | Dwight Greenlund; FAA/FSDO; Orlando, FL                                                                 |
| Original Publish Date:            | May 7, 2026                                                                                             |
| Last Revision Date:               |                                                                                                         |
| Investigation Class:              | <a href="#">Class 4</a>                                                                                 |
| Note:                             | The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.                                                  |
| Investigation Docket:             | <a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=202429">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=202429</a> |

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