

Pilot Incapacitation: Passenger Took Control of Small Plane, 2006 Piper Meridian, After Pilot Collapsed and Crash Landed Near Runway at Martha's Vineyard Airport on July 16, 2023. Both Survived!

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July 16, 2023 - A small plane, 2006 Piper Meridian enroute from Westchester, NY crashed near runway at Martha's Vineyard Airport around 3:15pm ([click here](#)).

Passenger takes control of plane, crashes in Massachusetts after pilot has medical problem



Francisco Guzman, USA TODAY

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A passenger took control of a small [airplane and crash landed near a runway in Massachusetts](#) on Saturday after the pilot suffered a “medical emergency,” authorities said.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the “79 year old male pilot suffered a medical emergency upon final approach”.

The passenger, a Connecticut woman, took control of the aircraft, a 2006 Piper Meridian, and attempted to land the plane but crashed outside the runway.

The aircraft’s left wing broke in half and the two people on board were taken to a local hospital.

Police said the pilot was flown by helicopter to a Boston hospital. He is in serious life-threatening condition. The passenger (a 68 year old woman) was not injured and was evaluated at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital before being released.

My Take...

This is an incredible story that has not gotten any media attention. Even though the pilot is in advanced age, there are several lessons here:

1. In the COVID-19 vaccine era, no plane should fly with only 1 pilot, especially small planes.
2. Passengers must be aware that they may be called upon to land a plane, given how frequent pilot incapacitations have become (due to COVID-19 vaccine injuries). Those who fly frequently may want to look into getting some flying lessons, just in case!
3. The passenger managed to land the plane and saved both their lives. This miraculous story should be getting much more mainstream attention than it has.

Recent Pilot Deaths

[Pilot death – May 2023](#) – 4 Singapore Airlines pilots died suddenly in May 2023

[Pilot death – May 9, 2023](#) – United Airlines and US Air Force Pilot Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, age 46, died unexpectedly at his home

[Pilot death – May 3, 2023](#) – Air Transat and Air Canada Pilot Eddy Vorperian, age 48, died suddenly during layover in Croatia

[Pilot death – April 13, 2023](#) – Phil Thomas, graduate of Flight Training Pilot academy in Cadiz, Spain (FTEJerez) died suddenly.

[Pilot death – March 17, 2023](#) – 39 year old Westjet Pilot Benjamin Paul Vige died suddenly in Calgary

[Pilot death – March 11, 2023](#) – British Airways pilot died of heart attack in crew hotel in Cairo before a Cairo to London flight (name & age not released)

Other Recent Pilot Incapacitations In-flight

[Jun.7, 2023](#) – Air Canada Flight ACA692 (YYZ-YYT) Toronto to St. John's, First Officer became incapacitated, deadheading Captain assumed duties

[Jun.4, 2023](#) – Cessna Citation N611VG flying Tennessee to Long Island, fighter jets spotted pilot slumped over in cockpit unconscious, plane crashed and all onboard died

[May 11, 2023](#) – HiSKy Flight H4474 (DUB-KIV) Dublin to Chisinau (Moldova), 20 min after liftoff pilot became “unable to act”, plane diverted to Manchester

[May 4, 2023](#) – British Charter TUI Airways Flight BY-1424 (NCL-LPA) Newcastle to Las Palmas Spain pilot became ill, plane diverted back to NCL.

[April 4, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight 2102 (BOI-SFO) – captain was incapacitated, first officer was only one in control of the aircraft.

[March 25, 2023](#) – TAROM Flight RO-7673 TSR-HRG diverted to Bucharest as 30 yo pilot had chest pain, then collapsed

[March 22, 2023](#) – Southwest Flight WN6013 LAS-CMH diverted as pilot collapsed shortly after take-off, replaced by non-Southwest pilot

[March 18, 2023](#) – Air Transat Flight TS739 FDF-YUL first officer was incapacitated about 200NM south of Montreal

[March 13, 2023](#) – Emirates Flight EK205 MXP-JFK diverted due to pilot illness hour and a half after take-off

[March 11, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight UA2007 GUA-ORD diverted due to “incapacitated pilot” who had chest pains

[March 11, 2023?](#) – British Airways (CAI-LHR) pilot collapsed in Cairo hotel and died, was scheduled to fly Airbus A321 from Cairo to London

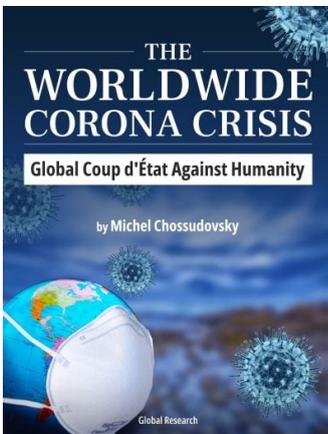
[March, 3, 2023](#) - Virgin Australia Flight VA-717 ADL-PER Adelaide to Perth flight was forced to make an emergency landing after First Officer suffered heart attack 30 min after departure.

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