

**INCIDENT**

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-ATPN

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1969

**Date & Time (UTC):** 28 May 1994 at 1015 hrs

**Location:** Stambridge Road, Near Stambridge, Essex

**Type of Flight:** Private (Training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 3

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** None

**Commander's Licence:** Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Assistant Flying Instructor Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 36 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 526 hours (of which 400 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 33 hours  
Last 28 days - 12 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot took off from Runway 06 at Southend Airport for an instructional flight. The weather was good and the surface wind was 040°/08 kt. At approximately 500 feet agl, the engine lost power; the pilot declared an emergency and carried out a successful forced landing to a nearby field.

The pilot acknowledged that he had mistakenly selected an empty fuel tank just prior to takeoff.