



He Felt a Great Disturbance in the Force Harrison Ford Injured after Plane's Engine Loses Power

Harrison Ford was injured Thursday after his single-engine plane made a crash landing on a Venice golf course.

The veteran actor had departed from the Santa Monica Municipal Airport in his vintage Ryan plane, according to a source. Around 2:20 p.m., the pilot of the plane notified the airport's control tower about a loss of engine power, said Patrick Jones of the National Transportation Safety Board.

In a recording of communications with the airport's control tower, the actor's voice can be heard saying, "Engine failure; immediate return."

While attempting to return to the airport, the plane clipped a tree and landed about two blocks from the runway at the Penmar Golf Course in Venice.

"Any time a pilot survives an accident I would say that is a good thing," Jones said.

Ford, 72, is an avid aviator who is often seen flying vintage planes out of Santa Monica Airport.

Photos on the Internet show Ford piloting the plane involved in the crash, a Ryan PT-22 Recruit that's registered to Delaware-based MG Aviation, Inc.

"Dad is ok. Battered, but ok!" said Ford's son Ben Ford on Twitter. "He is every bit the man you would think he is. He is an incredibly strong man."

Officials would not identify the victim of the crash but said he was conscious, breathing and alert when paramedics arrived. He's been hospitalized with fair to moderate injuries, said Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott.

TV chopper footage showed Ford on a stretcher being taken into an ambulance on the golf course.

Ford's aviation hobby has put him in danger before. In 1999, Ford was riding in a helicopter with his flight instructor when it crashed into a Ventura County riverbed. The "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" actor walked away unscathed.

Since June, Ford has been recovering from a broken leg. While filming "Star Wars: Episode VII" last summer, the veteran actor's left leg broke in an accident involving the door of the famed Millennium Falcon spaceship.

The injury required him to have surgery and go through rehab, causing a two-week hiatus in filming during August.

Safety has been an issue at the airport for years. In 2013, four people died in a fiery wreck at the airport when the twin-engine Cessna Citation they were riding in touched down on the runway, then veered hard right and smashed into an airport hangar, bursting into flames and collapsing the building.

Some residents have long pressed to close the airport, saying it poses a safety risk. Pilots and others in the aviation community dispute that and say the airport is perfectly safe.

Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Cruise and casino mogul Steve Wynn have been among the celebrities and business tycoons who have kept planes there.

In 2013, as Santa Monica debated the airport's future, Ford, other airport tenants and national aviation groups filed a federal complaint challenging any move to close it.

There have been at least 11 crashes involving planes coming and going from Santa Monica since 1989, according to federal records. Six were



In the photo above Harrison Ford can be seen in the back seat piloting his Ryan PT-22 Recruit airplane, which was the same one that crashed on Thursday.

confined to airport grounds, two struck homes, two came down in the ocean and one crashed on a golf course. The airport had about 7,300 takeoffs and landings in August, the most recent month for which data was available.

Santa Monica Airport, established in 1917, is described on a city website as the oldest continuously operating airport in Los Angeles County. After Santa Monica acquired the origi-

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Santa Monica's award winning actress Tanna Frederick, currently starring in Train To Zakopane at the Edgemar training for the LA Marathon to raise funds for Project Save Our Surf, join her team Sunday 8th for a beach clean up 10am, Pier 26. Photo by Douglas Dobson. See related article on page 9.

Traffic Snarls after Body Found near Homeless Encampment

Traffic snarled in Santa Monica on the westbound 10 Freeway at Lincoln Boulevard due to police activity Thursday morning.

The dead body of a male in his 60s was found near a homeless encampment, Sgt. Rudy Camarena said, a Santa Monica Police Department

spokesman.

A preliminary investigation showed no signs of foul play, he added.

Officials closed the left lane of the westbound off ramp and a Sigalert was issued shortly before 11 a.m. The lane was reopened several hours later.

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The Unstoppable and Exciting Train Ride That Is Tanna Frederick's Journey!

by Christine Peake

Santa Monica actress Tanna Frederick is an actress on the move, figuratively and literally! The award winning film and stage actress is also known as the talented muse of the legendary director and writer, Henry Jaglom. The pair have collaborated on many movies and plays together, Tanna can currently be seen at the Santa Monica Edgemar Theater on Main Street starring in "Train To Zakopane" alongside the equally talented and charismatic South African actor Mike Falkow. The play has received rave reviews and was written and masterfully directed by Jaglom.

When not sitting on the train on stage, making movies, walking red carpets, in movie production for her & Jaglom's latest collaboration, "Ovation", Tanna can be seen locally running an average of 5-10 miles a day around Santa Monica as she trains for the gruelling upcoming Los Angeles marathon on March 15th.

She is also the Co-founder and CEO of the non-profit charity Project Save Our Surf, which she founded with pro surfer Shaun Tomson. The organisation sends children to camps, provides water filters, cleans beaches, educates and is determined that everyone should have clean water. Tanna is hoping to raise funds with sponsorships from her marathon run and donate 100% proceeds to PSOS. Sponsorship details are available at <http://www.projectsaveoursurf.org>

The next beach clean up is on March 8th at Pier 26 in Santa Monica, for more information on donating to PSOS or helping with the next fun beach clean up, please refer to the above website.



CW from top: Ron Vignone, Rosemary Parks, Tanna & Henry Jaglom at a private screening of their newest collaboration "OVATION"; Tanna swapping style secrets with acclaimed Director Richard Linklater during Awards season; Catch Train To Zakopane; Tanna training in sunny Santa Monica



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