

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199302155**

**Piper Aircraft Corp  
Warrior  
Beech Aircraft Corp  
Bonanza**

**18 July 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199302155      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** 24km SE Shepparton  
**State:** VIC      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 18 July 1993  
**Time:** 1400 hours      **Time Zone:** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Piper Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** PA-28-161  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-JIO      **Serial Number:** 288116058  
**Type of Operation:** Instructional Dual  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Shepparton VIC  
**Departure Time:** 1345 EST  
**Destination:** Moorabbin VIC

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** A35  
**Aircraft Registration:**      **Serial Number:**  
**Type of Operation:** Miscellaneous Unknown  
**Damage to Aircraft:**  
**Departure Point:**  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:**

**Approved for Release:** Wednesday, October 26, 1994

An unidentified Beechcraft Bonanza passed within 50 feet overhead Piper PA28, VH-JIO. At the time the PA28 was flying in a north westerly direction at 3500 feet and the Bonanza was flying in a north easterly direction. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed. The two pilots in the PA28 did not see the other aircraft until it was too late for evasive action. It is possible that the Bonanza pilot did not see the PA28 because there was no obvious attempt to evade.

#### Significant Factors

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the incident:

1. The pilots in the PA28 did not see the other aircraft until it was too late for evasive action.
  2. It is possible that the pilot in the Bonanza did not see the PA28.
  3. It is probable that pilot lookout was inadequate.
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