



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: September 1, 2021
Person: Norman Tessier – FAA Inspector
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA231 Skaneateles, NY
Subject: Luscombe 8, N1331K

Narrative:

Mr. Tessier was assigned the accident at the Skaneateles Aerordrome (6B9), Skaneateles, NY who worked the scene, interviewed the pilot, the witnesses, and the mechanic who examined the airplane after the accident. He was interviewed by telephone and provided written documentation of his findings.

Below, are excerpts from the documents forwarded by Mr. Tessier:

DAMAGE: SUBSTANTIAL, PROP BENT FROM PROP STRIKE, FIREWALL BENT
TAIL BENT AND CRUSHED, RIGHT AILERON BENT, RIGHT STRUT BENT
LEFT FUEL CAP CAME OFF AND FUEL (100LL) SPILLED ON TAXIWAY.
SKANEATELES, NY (6B9): N1331K, L8 A,

WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DEPART RUNWAY 28, AIRCRAFT VEERED OFF OF
RUNWAY, PITCHED FORWARD AND CAME TO REST INVERTED ON TAXIWAY
FOXTROT, NEXT TO THE RUNWAY.

MR. CARLSON STATED THAT HE FLEW FROM SENECA FALLS (OG7) AIRPORT
TO SKANEATELES AIRPORT, (6B9) TO MEET WITH DON MCANN TO HAVE
SOME MAGNETOS FROM ANOTHER AIRCRAFT HE OWNS, INSPECTED. HIS
AIRCRAFT WAS PARKED ON THE RAMP IN FRONT OF THE HANGER. HE BACK
TAXIED ON RUNWAY 28.

HE DID A RUN UP AND CHECKED THE AIRCRAFT OUT. AS HE TOOK OFF, HE
GOT THE NOSE OFF THE GROUND, THE PLANE PULLED TO THE LEFT. HE
SAID HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH RUDDER CONTROL. THE AIRCRAFT WENT INTO

THE GRASS NEXT TO THE RUNWAY. THE GRASS WAS ROUGH AND THERE WAS NO WAY OF GETTING BACK OUT TO THE RUNWAY. THE AIRCRAFT FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN ON THE PAVEMENT. SOMEONE HELPED HIM GET OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT.

THE WIND WAS APPROXIMATELY 030 AT 10 KNOTS. ALTIMETER 30.19, 73F DEGREES AND CLEAR SKIES.

MECHANIC, DON MCANN CONDUCTED A CONTINUITY CHECK OF THE RUDDER SYSTEM. HE SAID THE RUDDER CABLES WERE CONNECTED FROM PEDALS TO RUDDER. AND EVEN WITH THE DAMAGE TO THE TAIL, WHEN HE PUT PRESSURE ON THE PEDALS, THE RUDDER TRIED TO MOVE.