



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Pilot Statement
CEN2LA308
Tyler Texas
June 30 2021

The pilot provided the following statement to the NTSB and FAA:

Subject: Cessna 180J N42084

On June 30, 2021, I took my Cessna 180 to fuel the tanks to the Rusk County airport and returned to my ranch here at Tyler. Each flight to and from was a 15-minute flight. The weather was mostly clear with a few scattered clouds with the winds calm. My landing strip is somewhat downhill with some high trees on the approach to the landing area. I was faster than I should have been and landed long. I bounced and came down slightly headed to the right of my intended path. The grass was not mowed recently and was slicker than normal. The aircraft skidded right, and the left main strut folded. The left wing, left horizontal stabilizer, and left strut were all damaged.

I was not injured at all, just my pride was hurt. I am 78 years old and in excellent health. I've been flying since 1963 and have over 5,000 hours in Fighter aircraft and more than 20,000 hours in commercial passenger aircraft. All of my flight logbooks were destroyed in a fire, and I have not started a new one.

In the C-180, I estimate I have about 1000 hours. I have two tours flying in Vietnam and a 6-month tour flying the Bird dog aircraft which is a military C-170.

Sincerely

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