



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location:	KAKE, Alaska	Accident Number:	ANC97LA038
Date & Time:	March 26, 1997, 17:30 Local	Registration:	N1295K
Aircraft:	Luscombe 8A	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Factual Information

On March 26, 1997, about 1730 Alaska daylight time (ADT), a wheel equipped Luscombe LL-8-A airplane, N1295K, sustained substantial damage during a forced landing on a remote beach 21 miles west of Kake, Alaska. The private certificated pilot received minor injuries. The 14 CFR Part 91 cross country personal flight originated at Atlin Lake, British Columbia, at 1420 ADT, and was en route to Juneau, Alaska. A VFR flight plan was in effect, and the airplane operated in visual meteorological weather.

The pilot reported he was unfamiliar with flying in the area, became disoriented and was unsure of where Juneau was located. He realized the airplane had minimal fuel reserves remaining, and elected to make a precautionary landing on a remote and sandy beach site. During the turn to land, the engine lost all power, and a forced landing was made on a rocky beach short of the intended landing site. The airplane received substantial damage when it nosed over during the landing roll.

Postaccident inspection revealed no fuel in the fuel tank, lines, or engine. The fuel system remained intact.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	44, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 27, 1996
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	107 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 70 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 43 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 43 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Luscombe	Registration:	N1295K
Model/Series:	8A 8A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	4022
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	December 18, 1996 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1260 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	47 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1883 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, activated, aided in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	A-65-8-F
Registered Owner:	LARRY GREGG	Rated Power:	65 Horsepower
Operator:	RAYMON ALLEN GREGG	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	PAF ,100 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	21 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	17:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	72°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 900 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/ None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	4°C / 2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	ATLIN LAKE (CYSQ)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:	JUNEAU (JNU)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:20 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	56.789302,-134.190292(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Labelle, James
Additional Participating Persons:	MATTHEW L THOMAS; JUNEAU , AK
Report Date:	February 27, 1998
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=2973

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