



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location:	Bakersfield, California	Accident Number:	WPR09CA143
Date & Time:	March 6, 2009, 13:45 Local	Registration:	N4134B
Aircraft:	Bellanca 17-31ATC	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of control on ground	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	73,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 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 13, 2008
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 30, 2005
Flight Time:	362 hours (Total, all aircraft), 294 hours (Total, this make and model), 308 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Bellanca	Registration:	N4134B
Model/Series:	17-31ATC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	74-31102
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	November 21, 2008 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3325 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	4 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3908 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-540-K1E5
Registered Owner:	David N Crowe	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	David N Crowe	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KBFL, 507 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	13:54 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots / None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	280°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / 3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Pauma Valley, CA	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Bakersfield, CA (BFL)	Type of Clearance:	VFR flight following
Departure Time:	12:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Bakersfield Meadows BFL	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30R	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	10857 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	35.433612,-119.056945(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Plagens, Howard
Additional Participating Persons:	Jim Henry; Federal Aviation Administration FSDO; Fresno, CA
Report Date:	April 6, 2009
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=73447

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