

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	LONE ROCK, Wisco	nsin	Accident Number:	CHI96LA027
Date & Time:	November 4, 1995,	13:08 Local	Registration:	N9559Y
Aircraft:	BEECH	33	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avi	ation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT REPORTED THAT HE HAD DEPARTED RUNWAY 27, AND AT 400 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, JUST AFTER HE HAD RETRACTED THE LANDING GEAR, THE ENGINE HAD A LOSS OF POWER. HE REPORTED THAT HE MADE A 180 DEGREE LEFT TURN TO DOWNWIND TO RETURN TO THE RUNWAY. WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO REGAIN POWER, HE MADE ANOTHER LEFT TURN TO TRY TO LAND ON THE RUNWAY. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED A FIELD LEFT WING FIRST AND CAME TO REST ABOUT 20 FEET BEYOND THE INITIAL ENGINE IMPACT. THE PILOT STATED THAT THE STALL WARNING WAS SOUNDING DURING MUCH OF HIS ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO THE RUNWAY. THE RUNWAY WAS SURROUNDED BY FLAT PLOWED FARM FIELDS. AN INSPECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE SYSTEMS, EXCEPT FOR THE FUEL INJECTION UNIT WHICH WAS DESTROYED, REVEALED NO DEFECTS.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: a partial loss of engine power for an undetermined reason, and the pilot's failure to maintain airspeed during his attempt to land the airplane back on the runway. A factor in the accident was the pilot's decision not to land in the suitable fields surrounding the airport.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING Phase of Operation: EMERGENCY LANDING AFTER TAKEOFF

Occurrence #3: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT Phase of Operation: EMERGENCY LANDING AFTER TAKEOFF

Findings

2. (F) ÎN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND 3. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND 4. STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #4: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Factual Information

On November 4, 1995, at 1308 central standard time, a Beech 33, N9559Y, received substantial during a forced landing due to a loss of engine power near Lone Rock, Wisconsin. The private pilot and one passenger received minor injuries. The 14 CFR Part 91 flight departed Tri-County Regional Airport, Lone Rock, Wisconsin, en route to Richland Center, Wisconsin. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed.

The pilot reported that he had departed runway 27 and at 400 feet above ground level, just after he had retracted the landing gear, the engine had a loss of power. The pilot reported to the Airworthiness Inspector of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), that he made a 180 degree left turn to downwind to return to the runway. He reported that when he realized that he was not going to regain power, he made another left turn to try land on the runway. The aircraft impacted a field left wing first and came to rest about 20 feet beyond the initial engine impact.

In his interview with the FAA Airworthiness Inspector, the pilot stated that the stall warning was sounding during much of his attempt to return to the runway. The runway was surrounded by flat plowed farm fields.

An inspection of the aircraft and engine systems, except for the fuel injection unit which was destroyed, revealed no defects. (See attachments)

Certificate:	Private	Age:	36,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 Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 17, 1995
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	810 hours (Total, all aircraft), 108 hours (Total, this make and model), 760 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 50 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Pilot Information

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N9559Y
Model/Series:	33 33	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	CD 562
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 16, 1995 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2900 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	49 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	5079 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-470-K3B
Registered Owner:	PATRICK M. MURPHY	Rated Power:	225 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	LNR ,726 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	12:54 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	180°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	300°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	1°C / -3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	(LNR)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	RICHLAND CENTER, WI (93C)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	12:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL LNR	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:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	43.180698,-90.199653(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Silliman, James	
Additional Participating Persons:	LLOYD GLOVER; MILWAUKEE , WI	
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Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=10149	

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