





Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: JACOBSON, Minnesota **Accident Number:** CHI88DER08

Date & Time: August 7, 1988, 15:30 Local Registration: N11RA

Aircraft: **CESSNA** T337D Aircraft Damage: Substantial

1 Serious, 1 Minor, 3 **Defining Event:** Injuries:

None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

DURING THE CLIMB FROM TAKEOFF, THE FRONT ENGINE SUSTAINED A TOTAL POWER LOSS DUE TO A FUEL LEAK. THE PILOT SECURED THE ENGINE, HOWEVER WAS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN ALTITUDE, LOSING ABOUT 50 FT PER MINUTE. DUE TO A THUNDERSTORM AT THE DEPARTURE AIRPORT, HE ELECTED TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN A FIELD. HE REPORTED DOWNDRAFTS AND WINDSHIFTS WHICH FORCED THE LANDING TO BE LONG. DURING ROLLOUT THE AIRCRAFT STRUCK AN EMBANKMENT.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF

Phase of Operation: CLIMB

Findings

1. 1 ENGINE

2. (C) FUEL SYSTEM, FUEL CONTROL - LEAK

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Findings

3. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: OVERRUN

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - THUNDERSTORM

- 5. (F) WEATHER CONDITION UNFAVORABLE WIND
- 6. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #4: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

7. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DIRT BANK/RISING EMBANKMENT

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	39,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 20, 1988
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	405 hours (Total, all aircraft), 37 hours (Total, this make and model), 215 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 59 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 37 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N11RA
Model/Series:	T337D T337D	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	T-337-1143
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	5
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 12, 1988 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	4500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	38 Hrs	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1822 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	TSI0-360-A
Registered Owner:	PHILLIP R FORSETH	Rated Power:	200 Horsepower
Operator:	FORSETH, PHILIP R.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Viewal (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Duck
Conditions at Accident Site.	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:	DLH ,1300 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	26 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	17:11 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	285°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 10000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	31°C / 20°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	GRAND RAPIDS , MN (GPZ)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	ANOKA , MN (ANE)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	17:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

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

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor, 2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor, 3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	47.000648,-93.260292(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Willman, David

Additional Participating
Persons:

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Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=13893

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