



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	CHEBOYGAN, Michigan	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CHI88LA187
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 1, 1988, 19:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N4982Z
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PIPER PA-22-108	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Serious, 1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

SHORTLY AFTER DEPARTURE, WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS APPROXIMATELY 30' IN THE AIR, THE AIRCRAFT'S RIGHT WING 'DROPPED HARD'. THE PILOT ATTEMPTED REMEDIAL ACTION, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE THE RIGHT WING TIP STRUCK THE GROUND. THE AIRCRAFT SKIDDED TO A STOP OFF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

#### Findings

1. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) LACK OF TOTAL EXPERIENCE - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED



## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	35, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	October 30, 1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	135 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 85 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PIPER	<b>Registration:</b>	N4982Z
<b>Model/Series:</b>	PA-22-108 PA-22-108	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	22-8591
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tricycle	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	May 7, 1988 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1650 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	7 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	2382 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-235-C1B
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	RAU, DALE J.	<b>Rated Power:</b>	108 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	RAU, DALE J.	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	3 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	40°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	30 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	32°C / 18°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>		<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	19:15 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	CHEBOYGAN CITY Y15	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	639 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	9	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	3500 ft / 75 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Serious, 1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	45.640533,-84.460441(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Reeves, Jodi
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	W KRAFT; GRAND RAPIDS , MI
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=14130">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=14130</a>

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