



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: BARRON, Wisconsin Accident Number: CHI90LA035

Date & Time: November 30, 1989, 14:00 Local Registration: N8749D

Aircraft: PIPER PA-22 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: IMPROPER USE OF THE CARBURETOR HEAT BY THE PILOT AND SUBSEQUENT CARBURETOR ICE. CONTRIBUTING FACTORS WERE: CARBURETOR ICING CONDITIONS, SLICK (WET/SNOW COVERED) RUNWAY, AND TREES/BRUSH NEAR THE DEPARTURE END OF THE RUNWAY.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: APPROACH

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: OVERRUN

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Occurrence #4: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	40,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	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:	February 7, 1989
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1382 hours (Total, all aircraft), 25 hours (Total, this make and model), 27 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N8749D
Model/Series:	PA-22 PA-22	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-5932
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 27, 1989 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	5 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2439 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320-B2A
Registered Owner:	SOVIA, JOHN L	Rated Power:	160 Horsepower
Operator:	SOVIA, JOHN L.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)		Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:			Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:			Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /		Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	270°		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg		Temperature/Dew Point:	-1°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration	ı; No Precipita	tion	
Departure Point:	ANOKA , M	IN (NONE)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	(WI15)		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:00 Local		Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	BARRON WI15	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	1113 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Snow
Runway Used:	27	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2585 ft / 265 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Reeves, Jodi

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=14598

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