



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	BUSBY, Montana	Accident Number:	DEN83LA201
Date & Time:	August 26, 1983, 10:30 Local	Registration:	N4596B
Aircraft:	CESSNA 180	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

ACCORDING TO THE PILOT HE WAS MAKING A DOWNWIND LANDING TO AVOID TAXIING OVER ROUGH GROUND ANY FARTHER THAN NECESSARY. AFTER TOUCHDOWN HE TRAVELLED ABOUT 150 YARDS UP THE RUNWAY WHEN A GUST OF WIND PICKED UP THE TAIL AND HE LOST CONTROL ENDING IN A GROUND LOOP. THE AIRCRAFT TURNED OVER ON ITS NOSE AND RIGHT WING. THE PILOT SAID HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE HEAVY ON THE BRAKES.

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 - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
 2. (F) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
 3. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
 4. (C) WRONG RUNWAY - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
 5. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: NOSE DOWN
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	52, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 5, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	245 hours (Total, all aircraft), 25 hours (Total, this make and model), 183 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N4596B
Model/Series:	180 180	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	31495
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	November 17, 1982 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2550 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	33 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1418 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-470-J
Registered Owner:	GREGG L. JONES	Rated Power:	225 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SHR ,4021 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	32 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	10:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	160°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 25000 ft AGL	Visibility	60 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	300°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	28°C / 8°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	BUSBY , MT	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	JONE'S RANCH	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:	4000 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

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:	45.440963,-107.039306(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Scott, Arnold

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=16147>

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