



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: KULM, North Dakota Accident Number: DEN86LA091

Date & Time: March 2, 1986, 15:30 Local Registration: N7647M

Aircraft: CESSNA 175 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

ACCORDING TO THE PLT, THE ENG LOST PARTIAL PWR ON TAKEOFF DUE TO CARBERETOR ICE. A FORCED LANDING WAS MADE DURING WHICH THE NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO THE ACFT.

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(PARTIAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) CARBURETOR HEAT - NOT USED - PILOT IN COMMAND

2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CARBURETOR ICING CONDITIONS

3. (F) PLANNING/DECISION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Occurrence #3: NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings 4. TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	48,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:	March 13, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	170 hours (Total, all aircraft), 68 hours (Total, this make and model), 53 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 59 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N7647M
Model/Series:	175 175	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	55947
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 28, 1985 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	77 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1294 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	GO-300-A
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	175 Horsepower
Operator:	GERALD JOHNSON	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:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	315°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	N/A - None - Haze		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		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:	46.300594,-98.940628(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Mickle, Ronald

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=16931

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