

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: WATKINS, Colorado Accident Number: DEN90LA107

Date & Time: May 8, 1990, 15:15 Local Registration: N113EW

Aircraft: BEECH B-55 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 Minor, 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

THE PURPOSE OF THE FLIGHT WAS MULTIENGINE INSTRUCTION. THE STUDENT WAS EXECUTING A SIMULATED RT. ENGINE OUT ILS APPROACH TO RUNWAY 26. THE WIND WAS REPORTED TO BE FORM 360 DEGREES AT 19 KTS. WITH GUSTS TO 24 KTS. THE STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR ATTEMPTED TO CORRECT FOR THE RIGHT CROSSWIND WITH FULL LEFT AILERON AND RUDDER DEFLECTION. THE AIRPLANE CONTINUED TO DRIFT OFF CENTERLINE AS IT CROSSED THE MIDDLE MARKER. A GO-AROUND WAS ATTEMPTED WITH FULL POWER (BOTH ENGINES) BUT THE AIRSPEED DECAYED AND THE PILOTS COULD NOT MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL OR ALTITUDE CONTROL. THE PILOT OPERATING HANDBOOK FOR THE BEECH 55 STATES THE DEMONSTRATED CROSSWIND LIMITATION WITH BOTH ENGINES OPERATING IS 22 KTS.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: EXECUTING OF A SIMULATED SINGLE ENGINE APPROACH IN WIND CONDITIONS THAT EXCEEDED THE DEMONSTRATED CROSSWIND CAPABILITY OF THE AIRPLANE WITH BOTH ENGINES OPERATING.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings

- 1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION CROSSWIND
- 2. GO-AROUND PERFORMED DUAL STUDENT
- 3. (C) AIRSPEED NOT MAINTAINED DUAL STUDENT
- 4. (C) REMEDIAL ACTION DELAYED PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)
- 5. (C) STALL/MUSH INADVERTENT PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)
- 6. (F) PERFORMANCE DATA DISREGARDED PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	56,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane; Helicopter	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Helicopter; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical–w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 1, 1989
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	8400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 500 hours (Total, this make and model), 7650 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 125 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 50 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N113EW
Model/Series:	B-55 B-55	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	TC1099
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 7, 1990 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	5100 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	1 Hrs	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3076 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-E7B
Registered Owner:	COY CORRELL/JOHN WHELAN	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:	INT'L AIR CARRIER FLT ACADEMY	Operator Designator Code:	

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:	Broken / 800 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	19 knots / 24 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	360°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	10°C / 6°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	(FTG)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	(FTG)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	14:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

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Airport Information

Airport:	PRONT RANGE AIRPORT FTG	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	5485 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	26	IFR Approach:	ILS
Runway Length/Width:	8000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor, 2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	39.750232,-104.59906(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Feith, Gregory

Additional Participating PETER LEE; DENVER , CO
Persons:

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Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=17928

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