



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: AMA, Louisiana Accident Number: FTW94LA185

Date & Time: May 8, 1994, 17:45 Local Registration: N999V

Aircraft: CESSNA 195 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE AIRPLANE WAS ON FINAL APPROACH NEAR THE END OF THE RUNWAY AT AN ALTITUDE OF 25 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND WHEN THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND EXPEREINCED A LOSS OF ALTITUDE, LANDED SHORT AND COLLIDED WITH A DIRT BERM. WINDS WERE LIGHT AND VARIABLE WITH NO TURBULENE.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE AIRSPEED ABOVE THE AERODYNAMIC STALL SPEED.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - FINAL APPROACH

Findings

- 1. (C) AIRSPEED NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 2. STALL INADVERTENT PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT NOT ATTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

On May 8, 1994, at 1745 central daylight time, a Cessna 195, N999V, sustained substantial damage during approach near Ama, Louisiana. The private pilot did not receive injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the local personal flight.

The pilot/operator report stated that the airplane was 25 feet from the approach end of the north runway and 25 feet above ground when it "dropped suddenly" to the ground. The airplane struck a dirt berm, bounced, and came to rest in an upright position. The pilot reported that winds were light and variable with no turbulence.

Structural damage to the wings, fuselage, propeller, and gear was reported by the Federal Aviation Administration inspector.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	43,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 Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 1, 1993
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	350 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1 hour	s (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)	

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N999V
Model/Series:	195 195	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	7858
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	5
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	JACOBS
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	R-755-B2
Registered Owner:	RAYBURN, CLIFFORD J.	Rated Power:	275 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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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	15 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	29°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipi	tation	
Departure Point:	(LS40)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	(LS40)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	AMA LS40	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	36	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3500 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

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:	29.939476,-90.300079(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Smith, Joyce	
Additional Participating Persons:	SAMUEL P MUNN; BATON ROUGE, , LA	
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Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=19076	

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