



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: JENKS, Oklahoma Accident Number: FTW87DPJ07

Date & Time: September 17, 1987, 10:30 Local Registration: N9520M

Aircraft: MOONEY M20F Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation

Analysis

ENGINE FAILED DURING INITIAL CLIMB. AIRCRAFT COLLIDED WITH AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE AND SLID ACROSS ROAD DURING LANDING ATTEMPT. WATER WAS FOUND IN THE FUEL DISTRIBUTOR SYSTEM FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT.

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(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) FLUID, FUEL - CONTAMINATION

2. (C) FLUID, FUEL - WATER

3. (C) AIRCRAFT PREFLIGHT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN
5. (F) OBJECT - FENCE

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	48,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	May 1, 1986
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	475 hours (Total, all aircraft), 41 hours (Total, this make and model), 475 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft) hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	MOONEY	Registration:	N9520M
Model/Series:	M20F M20F	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	670097
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 11, 1987 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2740 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	1 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	684 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360
Registered Owner:	RICHARD L. CARPENTER	Rated Power:	200 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	
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	350°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	BENTONVILLE , AR (HOO)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	10:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	R.L. JONES, JR. RVS	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:	625 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Wet
Runway Used:	18R	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4000 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	36.050834,-96.020866(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Grossman, Jack

Additional Participating Persons: HAROLD D WRIGHT;
DON M COOK;

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Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22179

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