



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	SAN MARCOS, Texas	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW87LA192
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 8, 1987, 16:15 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N401P
<b>Aircraft:</b>	CESSNA 170A	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

## Analysis

THE STUDENT PILOT LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL WHEN THE TAIL WHEEL CAME OFF THE RUNWAY. THE INSTRUCTOR PILOT STATED THAT HE WAS LATE WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION AND THE AIRCRAFT GROUND LOOPED OFF THE RUNWAY.

## 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: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

#### Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - DUAL STUDENT
2. (C) SUPERVISION - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial; Flight instructor	<b>Age:</b>	47, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Right
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Glider	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	Yes
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	Airplane single-engine	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical—no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	September 5, 1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	842 hours (Total, all aircraft), 10 hours (Total, this make and model), 740 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 102 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	CESSNA	<b>Registration:</b>	N401P
<b>Model/Series:</b>	170A 170A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	20023
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	4
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	August 1, 1987 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	2050 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	10 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	3006 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	C-145
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	W. R. GEORGE & C. J. REINHART	<b>Rated Power:</b>	145 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 4500 ft AGL	<b>Visibility</b>	15 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	5 knots / 10 knots	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	160°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	35°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	(T98 )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	16:15 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	SAN MARCOS MUNICIPAL T98	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Asphalt
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	594 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	17	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	5442 ft / 150 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Edwards, Armond
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	CHARLES R GREINKE; SAN ANTONIO , TX
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22414">https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22414</a>

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