

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	TEMECULA, Californ	ia	Accident Number:	LAX87LA188
Date & Time:	April 22, 1987, 13:30	Local	Registration:	N3835G
Aircraft:	CESSNA	TU206B	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avia	ation		

Analysis

DURING AN AERIAL SURVEY FLIGHT, WHILE ON FINAL APPROACH TO THE ARPT, THE ENGINE BEGAN RUNNING ROUGH THEN QUIT. THE PLT WAS UNABLE TO LAND THE ACFT AT THE ARPT, THEREFORE, A NEARBY DIRT ROAD WAS SELECTED. DURING THE LANDING ROLL THE ACFT COLLIDED WITH THE TERRAIN AND NOSED OVER. EXAMINATION OF THE ENGINE REVEALED THAT THE CRANKSHAFT HAD FAILED FROM HIGH CYLE FATIGUE LOADING WHICH STARTED ON THE OUTSIDE OF ONE OF THE JOURNALS.

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) - MECH FAILURE/MALF Phase of Operation: DESCENT - NORMAL

Findings
1. (C) ENGINE ASSEMBLY, CRANKSHAFT - FATIGUE

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings 2. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN

Occurrence #4: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	40,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 2 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 23, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	7366 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6978 hours (Total, this make and model), 7171 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 104 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 46 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N3835G
Model/Series:	TU206B TU206B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	U206-0835
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 5, 1987 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	30 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6178 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520-C
Registered Owner:	AMERICAN AERIAL SERVICES INC.	Rated Power:	285 Horsepower
Operator:	AMERICAN ARIAL SERVICES	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	RAL ,816 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	15 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	13:55 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	116°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	40 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	40°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	34°C / -1°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	UPLAND , CA (CCB)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	TEMECULA , CA (2L0)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	12:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	TEMECULA 2LO	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:	1015 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	12	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3023 ft / 60 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Eckrote, Debra	
Additional Participating Persons:	KEN HIBLER; RIVERSIDE , CA	
Original Publish Date:	May 27, 1988	
Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=25575	

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