



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Camp Verde, Arizona	Accident Number:	LAX87LA348
Date & Time:	September 27, 1987, 09:15 Local	Registration:	N7495M
Aircraft:	CESSNA 175	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	3 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

WHEN BOTH PASSENGERS BECAME AIR SICK THE PILOT DECIDED TO LAND ON A DIRT ROAD. UPON TOUCHDOWN, THE PILOT HEARD A LOUD POP AND ASSUMED THAT A TIRE HAD BLOWN. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE USED THE BRAKES SPARINGLY AND COULD NOT STOP THE AIRCRAFT IN TIME TO AVOID TREES. AN EXAMINATION OF THE WRECKAGE REVEALED THAT BOTH TIRES WERE UNDAMAGED.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)
2. (C) BRAKES(NORMAL) - IMPROPER USE OF - PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	39, 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 Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 29, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	501 hours (Total, all aircraft), 434 hours (Total, this make and model), 474 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N7495M
Model/Series:	175 175	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	55795
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 1, 1986 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	83 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	961 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-360-A1A
Registered Owner:	WILLIAM OWEN	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:		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:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 9000 ft AGL	Visibility	60 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

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:	34.47927,-111.78059(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Leighton, Russell
Additional Participating Persons:	LARRY KEPHART; SCOTTSDALE , AZ
Original Publish Date:	October 7, 1988
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=25699

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