



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

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| <b>Location:</b>               | SHOW LOW, Arizona                    | <b>Accident Number:</b> | LAX88LA224  |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>        | June 15, 1988, 15:15 Local           | <b>Registration:</b>    | N2509K      |
| <b>Aircraft:</b>               | CESSNA 180K                          | <b>Aircraft Damage:</b> | Substantial |
| <b>Defining Event:</b>         |                                      | <b>Injuries:</b>        | 4 None      |
| <b>Flight Conducted Under:</b> | Part 91: General aviation - Personal |                         |             |

## Analysis

THE PLT ATTEMPTED TO TAKEOFF IN HIS CONVENTIONAL GEAR ACFT USING RWY 21. THE LOCAL WIND WAS ESTIMATED AT 180 DEGREES, 15 KNOTS WITH GUSTS TO 35 KNOTS. THE PLT STATED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ROTATING FOR TAKEOFF 'A GUST OF WIND CAUGHT US & THREW US APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET UP IN THE AIR.' THE PLT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS ACFT & IT STALLED. THE ACFT BOUNCED HARD THREE TIMES ON THE RWY UNTIL FINALLY THE LANDING GEAR BROKE AND THE WING STRUCK THE GROUND.

## 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 - IN FLIGHT  
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

#### Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
  2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - HIGH WIND
  3. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
  4. (C) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

|                                  |   |  |                   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| <b>Certificate:</b>              | Private   | <b>Age:</b>                              | 37, Male          |
| <b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>       | Single-engine land  | <b>Seat Occupied:</b>                    | Left              |
| <b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b> | None  | <b>Restraint Used:</b>                   |                   |
| <b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>     | None  | <b>Second Pilot Present:</b>             | No                |
| <b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>     | None  | <b>Toxicology Performed:</b>             | No                |
| <b>Medical Certification:</b>    | Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.  | <b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>            | February 23, 1987 |
| <b>Occupational Pilot:</b>       | UNK   | <b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b> |                   |
| <b>Flight Time:</b>              | 723 hours (Total, all aircraft), 486 hours (Total, this make and model), 38 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 19 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft) |  |                   |

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

|                                      |  |                                       |                 |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Aircraft Make:</b>                | CESSNA   | <b>Registration:</b>                  | N2509K          |
| <b>Model/Series:</b>                 | 180K 180K  | <b>Aircraft Category:</b>             | Airplane        |
| <b>Year of Manufacture:</b>          |  | <b>Amateur Built:</b>                 |                 |
| <b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>    | Normal   | <b>Serial Number:</b>                 | 18052962        |
| <b>Landing Gear Type:</b>            | Tailwheel  | <b>Seats:</b>                         | 4               |
| <b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b> | February 1, 1988 Annual                                | <b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>       | 2800 lbs        |
| <b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>   | 49 Hrs   | <b>Engines:</b>                       | 1 Reciprocating |
| <b>Airframe Total Time:</b>          | 839 Hrs  | <b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>           | CONTINENTAL     |
| <b>ELT:</b>                          | Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident | <b>Engine Model/Series:</b>           | O-470U          |
| <b>Registered Owner:</b>             | DONALD GROVER FARMS, INC                               | <b>Rated Power:</b>                   | 230 Horsepower  |
| <b>Operator:</b>                     | GROVER, DONALD E.                                      | <b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b> | None            |
| <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>          | Clear                            | <b>Visibility</b>                           |         |
| <b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>                  | None                             | <b>Visibility (RVR):</b>                    |         |
| <b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>                | 15 knots / 35 knots              | <b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>     | /       |
| <b>Wind Direction:</b>                  | 180°                             | <b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b> | /       |
| <b>Altimeter Setting:</b>               | 30 inches Hg                     | <b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>               |         |
| <b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>   | No Obscuration; No Precipitation |   |         |
| <b>Departure Point:</b>                 |                                  | <b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>           | None    |
| <b>Destination:</b>                     | WELLTON , AZ                     | <b>Type of Clearance:</b>                   | None    |
| <b>Departure Time:</b>                  | 15:15 Local                      | <b>Type of Airspace:</b>                    | Class G |

## Airport Information

|                             |                   |                                  |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Airport:</b>             | SHOW LOW MUNI SOW | <b>Runway Surface Type:</b>      | Asphalt |
| <b>Airport Elevation:</b>   | 6411 ft msl       | <b>Runway Surface Condition:</b> | Dry     |
| <b>Runway Used:</b>         | 21                | <b>IFR Approach:</b>             | None    |
| <b>Runway Length/Width:</b> | 3928 ft / 60 ft   | <b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>     | None    |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

|                            |        |                             |                           |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Crew Injuries:</b>      | 1 None | <b>Aircraft Damage:</b>     | Substantial               |
| <b>Passenger Injuries:</b> | 3 None | <b>Aircraft Fire:</b>       | None                      |
| <b>Ground Injuries:</b>    | N/A    | <b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>  | None                      |
| <b>Total Injuries:</b>     | 4 None | <b>Latitude, Longitude:</b> | 34.22985,-110.070823(est) |

## Administrative Information

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| <b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>     | Pollack, Wayne  |
| <b>Additional Participating Persons:</b> | BOB ANDERSON; SCOTTSDALE, AZ  |
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| <b>Investigation Class:</b>              | <a href="#">Class</a>   |
| <b>Note:</b>                             |   |
| <b>Investigation Docket:</b>             | <a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=26035">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=26035</a> |

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