



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: TWENTYNINE PALM, California Accident Number: LAX89LA056

Date & Time: November 22, 1988, 10:55 Local Registration: N8695V

Aircraft: BELLANCA 8KCAB Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PILOT STATED THAT WHILE LANDING, DURING THE FLARE, A GUST OF WIND RAISED THE LEFT WING. THE PILOT CORRECTED JUST PRIOR TO TOUCHDOWN. WHEN THE AIRPLANE TOUCHED DOWN IT GROUND LOOPED TO THE RIGHT. THE AIRPLANE RAN OFF THE RUNWAY AND COLLIDED WITH A BERM AND NOSED OVER. THE PILOT REPORTED THAT THE WINDS WERE GUSTING TO 10 KNOTS.

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: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS

2. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

3. (F) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - BERM

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	28,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Front
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 Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 26, 1988
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	219 hours (Total, all aircraft), 22 hours (Total, this make and model), 219 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 63 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BELLANCA	Registration:	N8695V
Model/Series:	8KCAB 8KCAB	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	188-75
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1800 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-320-E1A
Registered Owner:	GRAB, OSCAR A.	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	EL TORO AERO CLUB	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:	Clear	Visibility	7 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	310°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	EL TORO , CA (NZJ)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:	TWENTYNINE PALM, CA (TNP)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	10:50 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:	TWENTYNINE PALMS TNP	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1905 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	8	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5530 ft / 45 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Straight-in

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	34.239303,-115.860351(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Eckrote, Debra	
Additional Participating Persons:	JADD WEAVER; RIVERSIDE , CA	
Original Publish Date:	December 29, 1989	
Last Revision Date:		
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>	
Note:		
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=26304	

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