



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: STOCKTON, California Accident Number: LAX91LA250

Date & Time: June 6, 1991, 11:00 Local Registration: N8806Y

Aircraft: Eagle Aircraft Co. DW-1 Aircraft Damage: Destroyed

Defining Event: 1 Minor

Flight Conducted Under: Part 137: Agricultural

Analysis

AN EAGLE DW-1 COLLIDED WITH THE GROUND DURING AN AERIAL APPLICATION MANEUVER. THE PILOT STATED HE STALLED THE AIRPLANE AFTER AN ABRUPT MANEUVER TO AVOID A COLLISION WITH POWER LINES.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: FAILURE OF THE PILOT TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE VISUAL OUTLOOK TO DETECT POWER TRANSMISSION WIRES IN HIS FLIGHT PATH RESULTING IN AN ABRUPT MANEUVER AND SUBSEQUENT INADVERTENT STALL.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ABRUPT MANEUVER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

Findings

1. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

Findings

2. (F) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	54.Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 30, 1991
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	7900 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1065 hours (Total, this make and model), 7737 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 128 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 41 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Eagle Aircraft Co.	Registration:	N8806Y
Model/Series:	DW-1 DW-1	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	0044
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 15, 1990 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	5400 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	157 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2093 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	W-670-6N
Registered Owner:	PRECISSI FLYING SERVICE, INC.	Rated Power:	220 Horsepower
Operator:	PRECISSI FLYING SERVICE, INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	MBEG

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SCK ,30 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	10 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	17:50 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	135°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	190°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	20°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	10:45 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

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

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	38.00996,-121.379386(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Wilcox, Thomas

Additional Participating
Persons:

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Investigation Class: Class

Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=27238

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