

Aviation Investigation Final Report

| Location: | TEMPLETON, Californ | ia | Accident Number: | LAX93LA275 |
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| Date & Time: | July 4, 1993, 14:45 Lo | cal | Registration: | N5036L |
| Aircraft: | BELLANCA | 8KCAB | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Defining Event: | | | Injuries: | 2 None |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General aviation - Personal | | | |

Analysis

THE PILOT SAID THAT AS HE FLARED FOR LANDING THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF AIRSPEED WHICH RESULTED IN A LOW ALTITUDE STALL. THE AIRPLANE BOUNCED AND THE PILOT ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER BY ADDING POWER. THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO MANTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE. THE PILOT INTENTIONALLY STALLED THE AIRPLANE AS IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO HIT A FENCE NEXT TO THE RUNWAY.

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 CORRECT AIRSPEED. FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ACCIDENT WERE THE IMPROPER RECOVERY FROM A BOUNCED LANDING AND NOT MAINTAINING DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings 1. (C) FLARE - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND 2. (F) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: HARD LANDING Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

- 3. GO-AROUND ATTEMPTED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (F) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. STALL INTENTIONAL PILOT IN COMMAND 6. OBJECT FENCE

Factual Information

Pilot Information

| Certificate: | Private | Age: | 36,Male |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine land | Seat Occupied: | Front |
| 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 Medicalno waivers/lim. | Last FAA Medical Exam: | January 18, 1993 |
| Occupational Pilot: | No | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | |
| Flight Time: | 236 hours (Total, all aircraft), 198 hours (Total, this make and model), 183 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make: | BELLANCA | Registration: | N5036L |
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| Model/Series: | 8KCAB 8KCAB | Aircraft Category: | Airplane |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Aerobatic; Normal | Serial Number: | 475-79 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Tailwheel | Seats: | 2 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | January 29, 1993 Annual | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 1800 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | 19 Hrs | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time: | 1136 Hrs | Engine Manufacturer: | LYCOMING |
| ELT: | Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident | Engine Model/Series: | AEIO-360-H1A |
| Registered Owner: | R. SCOTT & SUSAN M. SAYER | Rated Power: | 180 Horsepower |
| Operator: | R. SCOTT & SUSAN M. SAYER | 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 | 50 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | None | Visibility (RVR): | |
| Wind Speed/Gusts: | 15 knots / 20 knots | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Wind Direction: | 200° | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Altimeter Setting: | | Temperature/Dew Point: | 32°C |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | No Obscuration; No Precipitation | | |
| Departure Point: | WOODLAND , CA (041) | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | None |
| Destination: | | Type of Clearance: | None |
| Departure Time: | 12:50 Local | Type of Airspace: | Class G |

Airport Information

| Airport: | SAYER FARMS | Runway Surface Type: | Dirt |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Airport Elevation: | 1150 ft msl | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry;Soft |
| Runway Used: | 18 | IFR Approach: | None |
| Runway Length/Width: | 2200 ft / 50 ft | VFR Approach/Landing: | Full stop;Traffic pattern |

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: | 35.539695,-120.74916(est) |

Administrative Information

| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | Childress, Debbie | | |
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| Additional Participating Persons: | T. KRISTIANSEN; SAN JOSE , CA | | |
| Original Publish Date: | November 15, 1993 | | |
| Last Revision Date: | | | |
| Investigation Class: | <u>Class</u> | | |
| Note: | | | |
| Investigation Docket: | https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=27981 | | |

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