

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	GENESEO, New Yo	rk	Accident Number:	NYC86LA235
Date & Time:	September 14, 198	86, 10:40 Local	Registration:	N7215P
Aircraft:	PIPER	PA-24-250	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General av	viation - Personal		

Analysis

THE AIRCRAFT LOST POWER ON APPROACH TO GENESEO AIRPORT. INVESTIGATION DID NOT REVEAL ANY PREIMPACT MALFUNCTION/FAILURE. CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO CARBURETOR ICING EXISTED AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER Phase of Operation: APPROACH

Findings 1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED 2. WEATHER CONDITION - CARBURETOR ICING CONDITIONS

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	36,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
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:	July 17, 1986
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	200 hours (Total, all aircraft), 200 hours (Total, this make and model), 30 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N7215P
Model/Series:	PA-24-250 PA-24-250	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	24-2385
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2900 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3790 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	O-540-A1A5
Registered Owner:	EWS CORP.	Rated Power:	250 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 / 4000 ft AGL	Visibility	15 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	210°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	11°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	ELLENVILLE , NY (N89)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	GENESEO , NY (D52)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	GENESEO D52	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	560 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	26	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3100 ft / 90 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	42.790611,-77.809967(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Marcantelli, Vincent
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	March 10, 1988
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=30420

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