

Aviation Investigation Final Report

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MARINE

RAIL ROAD

PIPELINE

Location:	LAKEPORT, New York	Accident Number:	NYC86LA245
Date & Time:	September 14, 1986, 14:45 Local	Registration:	N5146K
Aircraft:	Ryan-Navion A	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE ROCKER BOX COVER ON THE #6 CYLINDER HAD THE TOP AND BOTTOM SCREWS LOOSE AND THE CENTER SCREW MISSING, CAUSING OIL TO LEAK FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE ROCKER BOX COVER.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings 1. (C) LUBRICATING SYSTEM,OIL GASKET - LOOSE 2. (C) FLUID,OIL - LEAK 3. ENGINE ASSEMBLY - SMOKE

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

Findings 4. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND -----

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	55,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
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:	March 31, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	UNK Last Flight Review or Equivalent:		
Flight Time:	777 hours (Total, all aircraft), 204 hours (Total, this make and model), 647 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 29 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Ryan-Navion	Registration:	N5146K
Model/Series:	AA	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	4-2046
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	November 12, 1985 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3233 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	4488 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	E225 SERIES
Registered Owner:	DANIEL R. ZABORNY	Rated Power:	225 Horsepower
Operator:	DANIEL R.ZABORNY	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	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	250°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C / 14°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	DURHAMVILLE , NY (NK03)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	CICERO , NY	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:45 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

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

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	In-flight
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	43.149906,-75.959281(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Marcantelli, Vincent
Additional Participating Persons:	
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Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=30429

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