

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	PACIFIC, Missouri		Accident Number:	MKC86LA009
Date & Time:	October 12, 1985, 14	:30 Local	Registration:	N5382C
Aircraft:	CESSNA	140A	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avia	tion - Personal		

Analysis

THE AIRPLANE HAD ROLLED FOR 100 FEET WHEN THE LEFT WHEEL HIT A MOUND OF DIRT LEFT BY A POCKED GOPHER. THE WHEELPANT BRACKET CONTACTED THE TIRE AND ACTED AS A BRAKE. AIRPLANE NOSED FORWARD TO THE INVERTED POSITION.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) TERRAIN CONDITION - DIRT BANK/RISING EMBANKMENT 2. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

4. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - UNCONTROLLED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	A.z.o.	24 Mala
Certificate.	Private	Age:	34,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
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 29, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	299 hours (Total, all aircraft), 299 hours (Total, this make and model), 260 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 66 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N5382C
Model/Series:	140A 140A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Utility	Serial Number:	15515
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 3, 1985 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2292 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	C-90-12F
Registered Owner:	JAMES S. DEVIRES	Rated Power:	90 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:	Unknown	Visibility	5 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 3000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C / 10°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	ST. LOUIS , MO (SUS)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	DAMPHU ACRES	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	465 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	33	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1800 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	38.47018,-90.750686(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Roth, Eugene		
Additional Participating Persons:	DAVID J VANDERVEEN; ST. LOUIS , MO		
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Last Revision Date:			
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>		
Note:			
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=34103		

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