



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	HOOKSETT, New Hampshire	Accident Number:	NYC85LA129
Date & Time:	May 19, 1985, 11:00 Local	Registration:	N52197
Aircraft:	CESSNA 180J	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Ferry		

Analysis

THE PLT WAS FERRYING THE ACFT TO A FLD WHERE FLOATS WERE TO BE INSTALLED. WHILE ON THE APCH, THE ACFT ENCOUNTERED A CROSSWIND AND DRIFTED 20 FT OFF THE INTENDED CENTERLINE. THE ACFT TOUCHED DOWN AND ROLLED ABOUT 110 FT BEFORE COLLIDING WITH A SMALL BUSH AND NOSING OVER.

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. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
3. (C) PROPER ALIGNMENT - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	55, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	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 Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 1, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	390 hours (Total, all aircraft), 13 hours (Total, this make and model), 338 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N52197
Model/Series:	180J 180J	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18052553
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	December 11, 1984 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2950 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1800 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-470-S
Registered Owner:	LUCIEN BREAUULT	Rated Power:	230 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:	CON	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	10:35 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 2000 ft AGL	Visibility	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 2000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	310°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	13°C / 1°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	MANCHESTER , NH (MHT)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	10:45 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:	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:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Taylor, Vernon

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=35878>

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