



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	BLANCHARD, Idaho	Accident Number:	SEA83LA085
Date & Time:	April 16, 1983, 12:45 Local	Registration:	N4049E
Aircraft:	AERONCA 11BC	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE AIRCRAFT COLLIDED WITH A FENCE DURING LANDING ON A NARROW STRIP IN A VARIABLE CROSSWIND. THE PILOT HAD TAKEN OFF FROM THE SAME AIRSTRIP EARLIER WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HE SAID A STRONG GUST OF WIND STRUCK HIS AIRCRAFT AS IT WAS TOUCHING DOWN. THIS DISPLACED THE AIRCRAFT TO THE RIGHT WHERE THE RIGHT WINGTIP STRUCK THE FENCE AND GROUNDLOOPEED THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT STATED THAT TREES NEAR THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY RESULTED IN A VERY UNSTABLE WIND CONDITION AT TOUCHDOWN.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - UNFAVORABLE WIND
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND
3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
4. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

6. (F) OBJECT - FENCE

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	43, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 15, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	326 hours (Total, all aircraft), 69 hours (Total, this make and model), 282 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	AERONCA	Registration:	N4049E
Model/Series:	11BC 11BC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	11BC-137
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 7, 1983 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1250 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	20 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated	Engine Model/Series:	C-65-8
Registered Owner:	RONALD M. TILTON	Rated Power:	65 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:	Clear	Visibility	40 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 18 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	300°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	STONERIDGE CONDO 10	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	2300 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	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:	48.040809,-116.960144(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Peterson, W

Additional Participating Persons:

Original Publish Date:

Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=39684>

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