



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: CHELAN, Washington Accident Number: SEA83LA183

Date & Time: August 26, 1983, 16:35 Local Registration: N9450B

Aircraft: CESSNA 175 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE ACFT STALLED INTO AN APPLE ORCHARD DURING AN ATTEMPTED GO-AROUND. THE PLT SAID HE WAS BEING PUSHED BY A CROSSWIND AND DURING THE INITIAL FLARE WAS UNABLE TO CORRECT SO HE DECIDED TO GO-AROUND. DURING GO-AROUND THE ACFT WAS TO THE LEFTOF THE RWY. THE PLT ATTEMPTED TO CLEAR APPLE BINS, ENTERED A STALL AND CRASHED INTO THE APPLE ORCHARD.

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 - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings

- 1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION CROSSWIND
- 2. (C) PROPER ALIGNMENT NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (C) TOTAL PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (C) FLIGHT CONTROLS IMPROPER USE OF PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. (C) THROTTLE/POWER CONTROL IMPROPER USE OF PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. (C) GO-AROUND DELAYED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 7. (C) STALL UNCONTROLLED PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings 8. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	29,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 19, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	158 hours (Total, all aircraft), 38 hours (Total, this make and model), 53 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N9450B
Model/Series:	175 175	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	55250
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 5, 1982 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2450 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	76 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2459 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated	Engine Model/Series:	GO-300-C
Registered Owner:	BRUCE A. BURK	Rated Power:	175 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:	EAT ,1245 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	15:55 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	360°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	14000 ft AGL	Visibility	30 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 21000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	290°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	27°C / 11°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	OMAK , WA (OMK)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	CHELAN, WA (S10)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	CHELAN MUNICIPAL S10	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1260 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	20	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3650 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	

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:	47.889259,-119.989257(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Carrera, Candace
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=39758

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