

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	LYNNWOOD, Washington	Accident Number:	SEA83LA193
Date & Time:	September 18, 1983, 15:40 Local	Registration:	N44HA
Aircraft:	Anderson Aircraft Corp. STARDUSTER TOO SA300	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PLT REPORTED THAT DURING FLT, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN THE ENGINE SOUND WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A DROP IN FUEL PRESSURE. THE PLT STARTED TO LOOK FOR A PLACE TO LAND WHEN A TOTAL LOSS OF POWER OCCURRED. HE ELECTED TO LAND ON A FOOTBALL FIELD. HOWEVER, AFTER TOUCHDOWN, HE WAS UNABLE TO STOP ON THE FIELD. THE ACFT CONTINUED OFF THE END, WENT BETWEEN TWO HOUSES & DAMAGED A FENCE & A VEHICLE BEFORE COMING TO REST AT THE SIDE OF A ROAD. AFTER THE ACCIDENT, THE PLT FOUND THAT THE LEFT MUFFLER & A PORTION OF THE EXHAUST PIPE WERE MISSING. HE REPORTED THAT HOT EXHAUST GASES HAD BLOWN ONTO A FUEL LINE, BETWEEN THE FUEL PUMP & THE CARBURETOR, THUS VAPORIZING THE FUEL.

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 - NORMAL

Findings 1. (C) EXHAUST SYSTEM, STACK - DISCONNECTED 2. (F) EXHAUST SYSTEM, STACK - SEPARATION

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

3. (C) FUEL SYSTEM,LINE - OVERTEMPERATURE
4. (C) FLUID,FUEL - OVERTEMPERATURE
5. (C) FLUID,FUEL - STARVATION

Occurrence #3: FORCED LANDING Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Occurrence #4: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings 6. (F) OBJECT - FENCE 7. (F) OBJECT - VEHICLE

Factual Information

Pilot Information

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Certificate:	Private	Age:	58,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Rear
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:	March 24, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	505 hours (Total, all aircraft), 122 hours (Total, this make and model), 50 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Anderson Aircraft Corp.	Registration:	N44HA
Model/Series:	STARDUSTER TOO SA300 STARDUSTER	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental (Special)	Serial Number:	HA1490
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1129 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	122 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	0-360-C2A
Registered Owner:	HUBERT A. ANDERSON	Rated Power:	180 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:	BFI ,17 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	24 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	15:44 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	5°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	7 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 7500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	350°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	SILVERDALE , WA (S42)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	SNOHOMISH , WA (S43)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	15:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

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

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	47.799148,-122.279243(est)

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=39765

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