



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: KENNEWICK, Washington Accident Number: SEA84LA072

Date & Time: March 16, 1984, 16:30 Local Registration: N9328N

Aircraft: CESSNA A185F Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PLT WAS PERFORMING TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS WHEN HE LOST CONTROL OF THE ACFT AND GROUNDLOOPED. THE WIND WAS GUSTING TO 15 KTS.

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 - ROLL

Findings

- 1. (F) TOUCH-AND-GO PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION CROSSWIND
- 3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION GUSTS
- 4. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE INADVERTENT PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	36,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:	May 5, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	243 hours (Total, all aircraft), 73 hours (Total, this make and model), 186 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N9328N
Model/Series:	A185F A185F	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18504331
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 6, 1984 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	98 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	MIKE J. KISSIRE	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
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:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	PSC ,406 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	5 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	25°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 3000 ft AGL	Visibility	50 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 10000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	100°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	14°C / 6°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:20 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	VISTA S98	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	521 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	20	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3490 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go

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:	46.210021,-119.159523(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Carrera, Candice
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=39885

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