

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	WENATCHEE, Washi	ngton	Accident Number:	SEA86LA048
Date & Time:	January 24, 1986, 22	:00 Local	Registration:	N8785Q
Aircraft:	CESSNA	206	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:			Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General avia	tion - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT DIVERTED FROM HIS INTENDED DESTINATION OF PANGBORN FIELD TO A LOCAL PRIVATE AIRSTRIP DUE TO LOCAL FOG. 8' OF CRUSTED SNOW WAS PRESENT ON THE RUNWAY AND THE AIRCRAFT NOSED OVER ON LANDING ROLL.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

- 1. (C) TERRAIN CONDITION SNOW COVERED
- 2. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial	Age:	58,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 24, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	16211 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3510 hours (Total, this make and model), 15060 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 145 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N8785Q
Model/Series:	206 206	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	U20603537
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 30, 1985 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	40 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2750 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520-M
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	285 Horsepower
Operator:	RICHARDSON AVIATION	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand air taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Night/dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	50 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	SEATTLE , WA (BFI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	WENATCHEE ,WA (EAT)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	19:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	FANCHER 38WA	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1440 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Snow
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3340 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

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:	45.800102,-122.479042(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Carrera, Candace
Additional Participating Persons:	DAVE LEHMAN; SEATTLE , WA
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Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=40349

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