



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	NORTH PLAINS, Oregon	<b>Accident Number:</b>	SEA87LA157
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 5, 1987, 12:17 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N222WY
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BELLANCA 7GCBC	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Other work use		

## Analysis

THE PLT RPRTD THAT DRG A X-WIND LNDG, THE ACFT TOUCHED DOWN ON THE RGT MAIN GEAR, THEN AFTER ROLLING APRX 50 TO 100 FT, THE LEFT MAIN GEAR TOUCHED DOWN. AS THE LEFT WHEEL TOUCHED DOWN, THE LEFT AXLE FAILED, PITCHING THE ACFT ON ITS NOSE. THE ACFT THEN SKIDDED ON ITS NOSE FOR ANOTHER 75 TO 100 FT. AN EXAM OF THE AXLE REVEALED A FATIGUE CRACK HAD PENETRATED ABOUT 50% OF ITS CROSS SECTION BEFORE FINAL OVERSTRESS SEPARATION. THERE WERE MULTIPLE ORIGINS OF THE CRACK AT THE EDGE OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL WELD.

## 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: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

#### Findings

1. (C) LANDING GEAR,AXLE - FATIGUE

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Occurrence #2: NOSE DOWN  
Phase of Operation: LANDING

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	61, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Front
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Glider	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	December 10, 1986
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	2376 hours (Total, all aircraft), 402 hours (Total, this make and model), 2243 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 133 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	BELLANCA	<b>Registration:</b>	N222WY
<b>Model/Series:</b>	7GCBC 7GCBC	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	376-72
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	May 10, 1987 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1650 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1630 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Not installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-320-A2D
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	WILLAMETTE VALLEY SOARING	<b>Rated Power:</b>	150 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	30 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	15 knots / 20 knots	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	330°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	24°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	(10R3)	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	00:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	SUNSET 10R3	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Grass/turf
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	207 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	24	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	2500 ft / 200 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Carrera, Candace
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	WES GREEN; HILLSBORO , CA
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=40671">https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=40671</a>

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