



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: EVERETT, Washington Accident Number: SEA94LA227

Date & Time: August 31, 1994, 14:10 Local Registration: N1329C

Aircraft: PIPER PA-22-150 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

THE STUDENT PILOT STATED THAT, AFTER TOUCH DOWN FOR THE TOUCH-AND-GO LANDING IT SEEMED THAT THE RIGHT WHEEL LOCKED. THE AIRPLANE VEERED TO THE RIGHT AND BEFORE THE PILOT WAS ABLE TO REGAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL AND STOP, THE AIRPLANE WENT THROUGH A CHAIN LINK FENCE AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY. NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND TO INDICATE A MECHANICAL FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT FAILED TO MAINTAIN DIRECTIONAL CONTROL.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
2. OBJECT - FENCE

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Factual Information

On August 31, 1994, at 1410 hours Pacific daylight time (PDT), a Piper PA-22-150, N1329C, registered to William G. Harrop, and being flown by Douglas L. Hill, a student pilot, sustained substantial damage when the airplane collided with a fence following a loss of control while landing on runway 34R at the Snohomish County Airport, Everett, Washington. The pilot was uninjured. A VFR flight plan was in effect for the round robin flight, and visual meteorological conditions existed at the time of the accident. The flight, which was an instructional solo, was to have been operated in accordance with the requirements set forth in 14CFR91, and originated from Arlington, Washington, at 1235 hours, with stops at Bremerton, Tacoma, and Everett, Washington.

In a written statement, the 49-hour student pilot reported that after touchdown for the touchand-go landing, "the right wheel seemed to lock." The airplane veered to the right and, before the pilot was able to regain directional control and stop, the airplane went through a chain link fence at the north end of the runway.

No evidence was found to indicate a mechanical failure or malfunction.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	35,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	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:	June 24, 1994
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	49 hours (Total, all aircraft), 49 hours (Total, this make and model), 19 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 49 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 14 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N1329C
Model/Series:	PA-22-150 PA-22-150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-1119
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	41 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Registered Owner:	HARROP, WILLIAM	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	HILL, DOUGLAS, L.	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:	PAE ,606 ft msl		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	14:45 Local		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 1500	00 ft AGL	Visibility	35 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 25000	ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /		Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	330°		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg		Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C / 13°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration;	No Precipita	tion	
Departure Point:	ARLINGTON ,	WA (S88)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:			Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:35 Local		Type of Airspace:	Class E

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Airport Information

Airport:	SNOHOMISH CO PAE	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	606 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	34R	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3000 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

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:	47.890098,-122.250175(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Mccreary, Steven		
Additional Participating Persons:	ROY KOGLE; RENTON , WA		
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Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>		
Note:			
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=42012		

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