



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Pierson, Florida	Accident Number:	MIA05CA022
Date & Time:	November 7, 2004, 14:30 Local	Registration:	N1826G
Aircraft:	Champion 7GCBC	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Other work use		

Analysis

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Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The inadequate visual lookout by the pilot-in-command resulting in the airplane encountering uneven terrain, propeller contact to the ground, and subsequent nose over.

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN
2. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

On November 7, 2004, about 1430 eastern standard time, a Champion 7GCBC, N1826G, registered to and operated by a private individual, nosed over while taxiing from landing at Pierson Municipal Airport, Pierson, Florida. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and no flight plan was filed for the 14 CFR Part 91 aerial tow flight. The airplane was substantially damaged and the commercial-rated pilot, the sole occupant, was not injured. The flight originated about 10 minutes earlier from Pierson Municipal Airport.

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	58, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 22, 2004
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	6850 hours (Total, all aircraft), 800 hours (Total, this make and model), 25 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Champion	Registration:	N1826G
Model/Series:	7GCBC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Aerobatic; Normal	Serial Number:	102
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:		Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	O-320-A2B
Registered Owner:	Bruce F. Turner	Rated Power:	
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Pierson, FL (2J8)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Pierson, FL (2J8)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:20 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	Pierson Municipal Airport 2J8	Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	23	IFR Approach:	Unknown
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	29.249721,-81.459167

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Monville, Timothy

Additional Participating Persons:

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Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note: This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=60530>

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