

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Bowie, Texas Accident Number: DFW06CA192

Date & Time: July 23, 2006, 09:45 Local Registration: N2326Z

Aircraft: Beech BE23 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The airplane collided with trees when the pilot attempted a go-around during an instructional flight. The training flight had been in the closed traffic pattern for Runway 35 (3,603-foot long, by 60-foot wide). According to the flight instructor, the single-engine airplane touched down and began to veer off into grass on the left side of the runway. The flight instructor advised the student to "add some power and turn back onto the runway;" however, the student responded by applying full power while simultaneously pulling back on the yoke. The airplane lifted off the ground and impacted trees that were located on the left side of the runway. The flight instructor reported that at the time of the accident, the wind was from 050 degrees at 9 knots, gusting to 12 knots. The investigator-in-charge calculated the density altitude at 3,311 feet.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The student pilot's failure to maintain clearance from trees. Contributing factors were the prevailing crosswind and improper supervision of the flight by the flight instructor.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND

2. (C) CLEARANCE - NOT MAINTAINED - DUAL STUDENT

3. OBJECT - TREE(S)

4. (F) SUPERVISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND(CFI)

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

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Factual Information

The 1,202-hour flight instructor collided with trees while attempting a go-around during an instructional flight. The training flight had been in the closed traffic pattern for Runway 35 (3,603-foot long, by 60-foot wide). According to the flight instructor, the single-engine airplane touched down and began to veer off into grass on the left side of the runway. The flight instructor advised the student to "add some power and turn back onto the runway;" however, the student responded by applying full power while simultaneously pulling back on the yoke. The airplane lifted off the ground and impacted trees that were located on the left side of the runway. The flight instructor reported that at the time of the accident, the wind was from 050 degrees at 9 knots, gusting to 12 knots. The investigator-in-charge calculated the density altitude at 3,311 feet.

Flight instructor Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	67,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	November 1, 2005
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	March 1, 2006
Flight Time:	1202 hours (Total, all aircraft), 253 hours (Total, this make and model), 799 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 81 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 22 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Beech	Registration:	N2326Z
BE23	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
	Amateur Built:	
Normal	Serial Number:	M26
Tricycle	Seats:	4
March 1, 2006 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1850 lbs
	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
4374 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Ray D. Watson	Rated Power:	160 Horsepower
Ray D. Watson	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
	BE23 Normal Tricycle March 1, 2006 Annual 4374 Hrs as of last inspection Installed, not activated Ray D. Watson	BE23 Aircraft Category: Amateur Built: Normal Serial Number: Tricycle Seats: March 1, 2006 Annual Certified Max Gross Wt.: Engines: 4374 Hrs as of last inspection Installed, not activated Engine Manufacturer: Installed, not activated Ray D. Watson Rated Power: Ray D. Watson Operating Certificate(s)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	MWL,933 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	09:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	184°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 0 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	20°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.12 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	31°C / 12°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	Bowie, TX (0F2)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Bowie, TX (0F2)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:35 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:	Bowie Municipal Airport 0F2	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1101 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	35	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3603 ft / 60 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Go around;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	33.601665,-97.775558

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	McGill, C Frank
Additional Participating Persons:	Mark Wilborn; Fort Worth, Texas
Original Publish Date:	October 31, 2006
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=64188

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