



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Eden Prarie, Minnesota Accident Number: CHI06CA261

Date & Time: August 6, 2006, 18:55 Local Registration: N214RS

Aircraft: Beech B19 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

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 pilot not maintaining directional control of the airplane during the landing. A factor was the ditch.

Findings

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

Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

1. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

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

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings
3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

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Factual Information

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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	29,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	
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 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	May 1, 2006
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	40 hours (Total, all aircraft), 40 hours (Total, this make and model), 23 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N214RS
Model/Series:	B19	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	MB848
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 1, 2006 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2150 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	11017 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320-E3D
Registered Owner:	Mark Ward	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:	FCM	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	18:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots / 0 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	260°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.02 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	26°C / 11°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Eden Prarie, MN (FCM)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	18:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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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:	44.82722,-93.457221

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Malinowski, Edward
Additional Participating Persons:	Larry Landis; Minneapolis, MN, FSDO
Original Publish Date:	January 31, 2007
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=64837

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