

# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location:	Plato Center, Illinois	Accident Number:	CHI08CA038
Date & Time:	November 9, 2007, 13:00 Local	Registration:	N2813Z
Aircraft:	Piper PA-22-150	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

# 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 excessive airspeed used by the pilot which resulted in an overrun, impact with a ditch and subsequent nose over. The ditch was a factor.

### Findings

Occurrence #1: OVERRUN Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL Findings

1. WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND 2. (C) AIRSPEED - EXCESSIVE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings 3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

Occurrence #3: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

## **Factual Information**

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#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	62,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	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 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 1, 2006
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	September 1, 2007
Flight Time:	455 hours (Total, all aircraft), 32 hours (Total, this make and model), 379 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N2813Z
Model/Series:	PA-22-150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-6806
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 1, 2007 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2486.46 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Textron Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

# Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KARR,712 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	15 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	12:52 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	180°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	5 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 4100 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 17 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	310°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.02 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	8°C / 2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Morris, IL (C09)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Elgin, IL (LL53)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	12:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	Olson Airport LL53	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt;Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	955 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	06	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1900 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop

# 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:	42.008888,-88.457496

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Brannen, John
Additional Participating Persons:	Kevin Raymond; FAA-DPA-FSDO; West Chicago, IL
Original Publish Date:	January 31, 2008
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=67269

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