



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Fayetteville, Georgia Accident Number: MIA08CA117

Date & Time: June 10, 2008, 08:57 Local Registration: N35702

Aircraft: Piper J3C-65 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control in flight **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot stated he was conducting a personal flight with his friend. He allowed his friend, a non-certificated pilot, to control the airplane on takeoff. At lift-off the passenger lost control of airplane and it veered to the right. The pilot took control of the airplane, but was unable to regain control of the airplane. The airplane collided with a tree about 100 feet to the right of the end of the runway. The pilot did not report any flight control or mechanical anomalies prior to the accident.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain control of the airplane during climbout. Contributing to the accident was the pilot's relinquish of control to a non-certificated pilot.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Environmental issues Tree(s) - Not specified

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Initial climb	Loss of control in flight (Defining event)
Initial climb	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial	Age:	78,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 1, 2006
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	January 1, 2006
Flight Time:	22445 hours (Total, all aircraft), 282 hours (Total, this make and model), 18282 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N35702
Model/Series:	J3C-65	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	6543
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 1, 2008 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	2.1 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1605.7 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	A-65
Registered Owner:	William AMclendon	Rated Power:	65 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	FFC,808 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	9 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	08:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	207°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	9 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.07 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	24°C / 21°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	FAYETTEVILLE, GA (GA94)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	FAYETTEVILLE, GA (GA94)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:57 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:	MC LENDON GA94	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	900 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	N	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1433 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	33.490001,-84.495552

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Alleyne, Eric
Additional Participating Persons:	Charles Stange; FAA/FSDO; College Park, GA
Original Publish Date:	August 28, 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=68198

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