



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Johnstown, New York Accident Number: NYC08CA240

Date & Time: July 5, 2008, 15:00 Local Registration: N4380N

Aircraft: Cessna C-195 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Nose over/nose down **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

After a normal touch down, the pilot of the Cessna 195 utilized the rudder and aileron controls to align the airplane with the runway. The airplane began to drift to the right, and the pilot began to apply some brake pressure to maintain directional control. The tail of the airplane began to rise off the runway surface, the spinner and propeller contacted the runway, and the airplane nosed over. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the vertical and horizontal stabilizers, rudder, elevator, and firewall. The pilot reported that he did not experience any mechanical anomalies during 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 aircraft control during the landing roll.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down (Defining event)
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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	60,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
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 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 1, 2008
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	February 1, 2007
Flight Time:	1682 hours (Total, all aircraft), 83 hours (Total, this make and model), 1682 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 19 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N4380N
Model/Series:	C-195	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	7026
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	5
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 1, 2007 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3588 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Jacobs
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	R-755 B2
Registered Owner:	Air Adventures, Ltd.	Rated Power:	275 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ALB,285 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	27 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	14:51 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	125°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 2700 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.02 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C / 18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Saratoga, NY (5B2)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Johnstown, NY (NY0)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Fulton County Airport NY0	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	881 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	28	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4000 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

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:	42.998054,-74.329444

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Schiada, Luke
Additional Participating Persons:	Rich Nardone; FAA/FSDO; Albany, NY
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=68521

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