



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	AITKIN, Minnesota	Accident Number:	CHI82DA075
Date & Time:	February 25, 1982, 15:30 Local	Registration:	N2396Z
Aircraft:	BEECH 23	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

AFTER LANDING ON A PARTIALLY SNOW COVERED RUNWAY THE PILOT LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL AND STRUCK A SNOWBANK. THE AIRCRAFT TRAVELED APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET BEFORE NOSING DOWN INTO THE SNOW COVERED TERRAIN.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Findings

3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SNOWBANK

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

Findings

4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SNOW COVERED

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	49, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 15, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	103 hours (Total, all aircraft), 45 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N2396Z
Model/Series:	23 23	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	M-1119
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1502 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	0 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3945 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-D2B
Registered Owner:	AITKIN FLYING CLUB, INC	Rated Power:	160 Horsepower
Operator:	AITKIN FLYING CLUB, INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	AIT	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	16:00 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	170°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	10°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	AITKIN , MN (AIT)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	AITKIN , MN (AIT)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	AITKIN COUNTY AIT	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Snow
Runway Used:	16	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3400 ft / 100 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:	46.530048,-93.710815(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=69703>

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