



Aviation Investigation Final Report

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| Location: | ELKIN, North Carolina | Accident Number: | ATL86LA250 |
| Date & Time: | September 7, 1986, 12:30 Local | Registration: | N44215 |
| Aircraft: | TAYLORCRAFT BC12-D | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Defining Event: | | Injuries: | 2 Minor |
| Flight Conducted Under: | Part 91: General aviation - Personal | | |

Analysis

PLT SAID HE HAD BEEN PERFORMING TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS. ENGINE LOST RPM AT ABOUT 50 AGL. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO LAND ON THE SOD RWY WHICH RESULTED IN A HARD LANDING AND COLLAPSE OF THE RIGHT MAIN LANDING GEAR. PLT SAID HE SUSPECTED CARBURETOR ICING. ICING PROBABILITY CURVE INDICATED THAT SERIOUS ICING AT GLIDE POWER WAS PROBABLE.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - NONMECHANICAL
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) FUEL SYSTEM,CARBURETOR - ICE
 2. (C) CARBURETOR HEAT - NOT USED - PILOT IN COMMAND
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Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: HARD LANDING
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings
3. LANDING GEAR,MAIN GEAR - OVERLOAD

Factual Information

Pilot Information

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| Certificate: | Private | Age: | 37, Male |
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine land | Seat Occupied: | Left |
| 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 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim. | Last FAA Medical Exam: | January 4, 1985 |
| Occupational Pilot: | No | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | |
| Flight Time: | 239 hours (Total, all aircraft), 9 hours (Total, this make and model), 194 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 9 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft) | | |

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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| Aircraft Make: | TAYLORCRAFT | Registration: | N44215 |
| Model/Series: | BC12-D BC12-D | Aircraft Category: | Airplane |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Normal | Serial Number: | 10015 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Tailwheel | Seats: | 2 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | July 5, 1986 100 hour | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 1200 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | 6 Hrs | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time: | 1275 Hrs | Engine Manufacturer: | CONTINENTAL |
| ELT: | Not installed | Engine Model/Series: | A-65-8 |
| Registered Owner: | STEVEN W. CAVE | Rated Power: | 65 Lbs thrust |
| Operator: | | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None |
| Operator Does Business As: | | Operator Designator Code: | |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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| Conditions at Accident Site: | Visual (VMC) | Condition of Light: | Day |
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | HKY ,1189 ft msl | Distance from Accident Site: | 38 Nautical Miles |
| Observation Time: | 12:54 Local | Direction from Accident Site: | 225° |
| Lowest Cloud Condition: | Scattered / 25000 ft AGL | Visibility | 50 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | None | Visibility (RVR): | |
| Wind Speed/Gusts: | 6 knots / | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Wind Direction: | 270° | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Altimeter Setting: | 30 inches Hg | Temperature/Dew Point: | 26°C / 25°C |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | No Obscuration; No Precipitation | | |
| Departure Point: | | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | None |
| Destination: | | Type of Clearance: | None |
| Departure Time: | 00:00 Local | Type of Airspace: | Class G |

Airport Information

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| Airport: | SWAN CREEK 78A | Runway Surface Type: | Grass/turf |
| Airport Elevation: | 1135 ft msl | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry |
| Runway Used: | 27 | IFR Approach: | None |
| Runway Length/Width: | 2120 ft / 180 ft | VFR Approach/Landing: | Forced landing |

Wreckage and Impact Information

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| Crew Injuries: | 1 Minor | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
| Passenger Injuries: | 1 Minor | Aircraft Fire: | None |
| Ground Injuries: | N/A | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Total Injuries: | 2 Minor | Latitude, Longitude: | 36.229709,-80.699424(est) |

Administrative Information

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| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | Hicks, Preston |
| Additional Participating Persons: | GENE WELLMAKER; WINSTON-SALEM , NC |
| Original Publish Date: | |
| Last Revision Date: | |
| Investigation Class: | Class |
| Note: | |
| Investigation Docket: | https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=7186 |

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