



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Condon, Oregon Accident Number: WPR10CA026

Date & Time: October 10, 2009, 10:30 Local Registration: N9586B

Aircraft: Cessna 180A Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Collision during takeoff/land **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that he was landing the tailwheel-equipped airplane at a remote, 1,100-footlong dirt airstrip. The pilot stated that during the approach, on short final, the airplane struck the top of a fence post located at the approach end of the airstrip. The airplane subsequently landed hard and nosed-down. The airplane sustained substantial damage to the horizontal stabilizer and elevator. No preaccident mechanical failures were reported by the pilot.

### **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 clearance from the fence post on approach.

#### **Findings**

**Environmental issues** Fence/fence post - Contributed to outcome

Personnel issues Monitoring environment - Pilot

### **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

Approach	Collision during takeoff/land (Defining event)
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#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	64,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 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	June 11, 2009
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	239 hours (Total, all aircraft), 38 hours (Total, this make and model)		

### **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N9586B
Model/Series:	180A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	32883
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 8, 2008 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	4074 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-470 SERIES
Registered Owner:	BARTELL STAN D	Rated Power:	230 Horsepower
Operator:	BARTELL STAN D	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:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Few	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 6500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	10°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	13°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Ashland, OR	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Condon, OR (NA )	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

### **Airport Information**

Airport:	Chukar Flats NA	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Airport Elevation:		<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
Runway Used:	36	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	1100 ft / 30 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Valley/terrain following

## 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:	45.225555,-120.543334(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hogenson, Dennis
Additional Participating Persons:	George Marcom; FAA FSDO; Hillsboro, OR
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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=74936

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