



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Ashdown, Arkansas Accident Number: CEN10CA436

Date & Time: June 24, 2010, 13:00 Local Registration: N18RR

Aircraft: Cessna 310C Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** 1 Minor

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that he accelerated the twin-engine airplane down a grass airstrip to an indicated airspeed speed of approximately 80 mph when it suddenly began to rain hard. Unable to see, the pilot attempted to aborted the takeoff roll; however, the airplane exited the airstrip and impacted a mobile home. The fuselage sustained structural damage during the mishap. The pilot reported that there were no mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane. In addition, the pilot reported that he had not received instruction in the accident airplane make/model, nor did he hold a multi-engine pilot rating at the time of the accident.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's loss of directional control during the takeoff roll and his lack of experience in the airplane.

#### **Findings**

Personnel issues Total experience w/ equipment - Pilot

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

## **Factual Information**

## History of Flight

Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Runway excursion
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	58,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 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 11, 2010
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	265 hours (Total, all aircraft), 0 hour	rs (Total, this make and model)	

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

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N18RR
Model/Series:	310C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	35977
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	5
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 14, 2010 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3372 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	10-470 SERIES
Registered Owner:	STONEMAN EXCAVATING CO	Rated Power:	260 Horsepower
Operator:	STONEMAN EXCAVATING CO	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:	TXK,390 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	17 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	13:00 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	152°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 3100 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/ None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.05 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	32°C / 24°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Ashdown, AR (None)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Unknown
Destination:	Ashdown, AR (None)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Unknown

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	Garrison None	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	400 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Wet
Runway Used:	18	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3000 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	33.720554,-94.140274(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	LeBaron, Timothy
Additional Participating Persons:	Jamie Black; Federal Aviation Administration; Little Rock, AR
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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=76719

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