



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Orcas Island, Washington Accident Number: WPR11CA464

Date & Time: September 24, 2011, 15:05 Local Registration: N9361C

Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot reported that during the landing roll he lost control of the airplane, which resulted in a ground loop to the right. A postaccident examination of the airplane revealed damage to the left wing and aileron. The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

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 directional control during landing, which resulted in a ground loop.

Findings

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	63,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:	August 26, 2011
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	September 8, 2010
Flight Time:	446 hours (Total, all aircraft), 164 hours (Total, this make and model), 386 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N9361C
Model/Series:	180 UNDESIGNAT	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	31759
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 28, 2011 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2500 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	3 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3806 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental Motors
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-470K
Registered Owner:	Maynard L Haverly	Rated Power:	230 Horsepower
Operator:	Maynard L Haverly	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:	ORS,31 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	15:15 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.64 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	17°C / 14°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Kent, WA (S36)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Orcas Island, WA (ORS)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Orcas Island Airport ORS	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	31 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	16	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2900 ft / 60 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	48.708057,-122.910552(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Little, Thomas	
Additional Participating Persons:	Robert Archibald; Federal Aviation Administration; Renton, WA	
Original Publish Date:	December 1, 2011	
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=81885	

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