



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Moriarty, New Mexico Accident Number: CEN12CA024

Date & Time: October 16, 2011, 10:57 Local Registration: N415WW

Aircraft: WACO CLASSIC AIRCRAFT YMF-F5C Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

During the landing roll, the airplane swerved, and the pilot attempted to regain control, but due to the heavy boots he was wearing, he inadvertently actuated the toe brakes because the boots masked the feedback from the rudder. The airplane nosed over, which resulted in substantial damage to the upper wing, rudder, and vertical fin. The pilot reported that there were no preimpact anomalies 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 control of the airplane during the landing roll.

Findings

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues (general) - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Cabin safety event
Landing-landing roll	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)
Landing-landing roll	Nose over/nose down

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	55,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Rear
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 11, 2011
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	September 20, 2011
Flight Time:	2800 hours (Total, all aircraft), 50 hours (Total, this make and model), 2400 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 60 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	WACO CLASSIC AIRCRAFT	Registration:	N415WW
Model/Series:	YMF-F5C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	F5C-8-126
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 20, 2011 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2950 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	50 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	50 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Jacobs
ELT:	C91A installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	R755A2M
Registered Owner:	PINNACLE WACO LEASING INC	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	PINNACLE WACO LEASING INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CQC,7087 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	15 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	10:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	75°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	290°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C / -3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Liberal, KS (LBL)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Moriarty, NM (0E0)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	08:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	

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Airport Information

Airport:	Moriarty Airport 0E0	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	6199 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	26	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	7700 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

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:	34.982223,-106.004997(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Aguilera, Jason
Additional Participating Persons:	Vernon Rockett; Federal Aviation Administration; Albuquerque, NM
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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=82086

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