



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Aniak, Alaska Accident Number: ANC12CA004

Date & Time: October 21, 2011, 18:35 Local Registration: N11668

Aircraft: Bellanca 7GCBC Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Nose over/nose down **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot was landing at an off-airport site in a tailwheel-equipped airplane. He said he applied excessive brake pressure during landing, and the airplane nosed over, sustaining substantial damage to the wings and fuselage. The brakes had recently been replaced with larger brakes, and he said he should have practiced more after the new brakes were installed prior to landing.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's excessive use of brakes during landing.

Findings

Personnel issues Use of equip/system - Pilot

Aircraft Brake - Incorrect use/operation

Factual Information

History of Flight

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	25,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Front
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 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 25, 2011
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	August 10, 2011
Flight Time:	1400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 800 hours (Total, this make and model), 1350 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 60 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 25 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Bellanca	Registration:	N11668
Model/Series:	7GCBC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	349-72
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320 SERIES
Registered Owner:	CUMMINGS JIM	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	Arthur Cummings	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		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:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-1°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Aniak, AK (PANI)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Aniak, AK	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	18:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	61.186943,-159.121673

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Lewis, Lawrence
Additional Participating Persons:	Robert D Shafer; FAA FSDO-03; Anchorage, AK
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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=82151

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