



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Pryor, Oklahoma Accident Number: CEN12CA329

Date & Time: May 29, 2012, 09:45 Local Registration: N85AY

Aircraft: BRUMBAUGH B/KASOWSKI L AVID FLYER IV Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot was performing a high speed taxi before an intended local flight. During the high speed taxi, the airplane's tail rose off the ground, and the pilot reduced power. During the subsequent rollout, the tailwheel started to shimmy, and the pilot applied left and right rudder. The airplane veered left, exited the runway, went down a steep slope, and impacted the side of a drainage ditch, which resulted in substantial damage to the wings and fuselage. The pilot reported no mechanical malfunctions.

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 a high speed taxi.

Findings

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Factual Information

History of Flight

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	51,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Sport pilot Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	May 15, 2006
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	April 21, 2012
Flight Time:	820 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4 hours (Total, this make and model), 780 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BRUMBAUGH B/KASOWSKI L	Registration:	N85AY
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Model/Series:	AVID FLYER IV	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental (Special)	Serial Number:	984
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 25, 2012 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1050 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	381 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	582
Registered Owner:	Pilot	Rated Power:	65 Horsepower
Operator:	Pilot	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:	GCM,733 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	19:45 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:	29.93 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	26°C / 18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Pryor, OK (H71)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Pryor, OK (H71)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:45 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Mid-America Industrial Airport H71	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	622 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	18	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5000 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

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:	36.225276,-95.330001(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Malinowski, Edward
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	August 15, 2012
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=83794

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