



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: San Carlos, California Accident Number: WPR14CA328

Date & Time: July 30, 2014, 14:20 Local Registration: N17856

Aircraft: Beech A36 - UNDESIGNAT Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot reported that after landing and after turning left onto the taxiway, "the engine slowed." He then added power to keep the airplane turning to the left, but experienced very little braking on the left brake. The pilot stated he believed that at about this time he may have gotten the heal of his left foot over the right rudder pedal, which rendered his attempt to turn [left] being unsuccessful. Subsequently, the right wing of his airplane contacted the right wing of a parked airplane, which was facing the opposite direction. The right wing was substantially damaged. A postaccident examination of the airplane's left brake revealed no evidence of mechanical malfunctions or failures 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 taxi.

Findings

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	91
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 22, 2014
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	August 9, 2013
Flight Time:	25000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1320 hours (Total, this make and model), 15000 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N17856
Model/Series:	A36 - UNDESIGNAT UNDESIGNAT	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1977	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	E1047
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 2, 2013 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	21 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3238 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	IO550B 12B
Registered Owner:	Walter Ramseur	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:	Walter Ramseur	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SQL,5 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	14:51 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 20000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	10°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	29.96 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	23°C / 15°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Lakeport, CA (102)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	San Carlos, CA (SQL)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:40 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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Airport Information

Airport:	San Carlos Airport SQL	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	5 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	30	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2600 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

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:	37.49007,-122.259429(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):Little, ThomasAdditional Participating Persons:Little, ThomasOriginal Publish Date:September 30, 2014Last Revision Date:Little, ThomasInvestigation Class:ClassNote:This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.Investigation Docket:https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=89803

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