

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Elko, Nevada	Accident Number:	WPR14CA392
Date & Time:	September 25, 2014, 12:30 Local	Registration:	N73TW
Aircraft:	Cirrus SR22 - NO SERIES	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 the airplane touched down normally, but shortly thereafter the right wing lifted from a gust of wind. The pilot applied full power and full right aileron but was not able to keep the wing from lifting; the left wing tip subsequently struck the runway. The airplane then veered to the left, went off of the runway surface, and impacted the ground in a left-wing-low attitude before it came to rest upright about two feet from a cement block building. The empennage had sustained substantial damage due to impact forces. The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures 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 roll in gusty wind conditions, which resulted in a runway excursion and collision with terrain.

Findings

Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot	
Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained	
Environmental issues	Gusts - Effect on operation	

Factual Information

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	63
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	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:	June 26, 2014
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	November 24, 2012
Flight Time:	8800 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1995 hours (Total, this make and model), 8700 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 37 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cirrus	Registration:	N73TW
Model/Series:	SR22 - NO SERIES NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2003	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	0472
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	April 1, 2014 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3400 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	112 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1998 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	IO-550
Registered Owner:	Scott Stewart	Rated Power:	
Operator:	Scott Stewart	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	EKO,5140 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	12:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	280°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	21 knots / 32 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	200°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.94 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	29°C / 2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Marana, AZ (AVQ)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Elko, NV (EKO)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	Elko Regional Airport EKO	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	5140 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	12	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2871 ft / 60 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:	40.949523,-115.79074(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Little, Thomas
Additional Participating Persons:	David Butler; Federal Aviation Administration; Reno, NV
Original Publish Date:	December 5, 2014
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=90160

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