



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Chandler, Arizona	Accident Number:	GAA16CA152
Date & Time:	March 13, 2016, 13:45 Local	Registration:	N89939
Aircraft:	Cessna 140	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of control on ground	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot of a tailwheel equipped airplane reported that he encountered a crosswind during a wheel landing. During the landing roll, the pilot further reported that the airplane "drifted abruptly to the left" and he added right rudder, but the airplane departed the runway to the left. During the runway excursion, the airplane ground looped to the left and collided with an airport sign, the right main landing gear separated, and the right wing impacted the ground.

A postaccident examination revealed substantial damage to right wing.

The pilot reported that there were no 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 the landing roll, which resulted in a runway excursion, a ground loop, and a collision with an airport sign.

Findings

Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained	
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot	
Environmental issues	Crosswind - Ability to respond/compensate	

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-flare/touchdown	Other weather encounter	
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:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	73,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	March 17, 2015
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	March 31, 2015
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 1984 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1334 hours (Total, this make and model), 39 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N89939
Model/Series:	140 G	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1946	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	8991
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	August 6, 2015 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1450 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3895.93 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	C-85-12F
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	85 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
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Observation Facility, Elevation:	KCHD,1243 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	20:47 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 20000 ft AGL	Visibility	40 miles
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ Clear air
Wind Direction:	270°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ Moderate
Altimeter Setting:	30.03 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	23°C / -3°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	MESA, AZ (FFZ)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Chandler, AZ (CHD)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	13:25 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class D

Airport Information

Airport:	CHANDLER MUNI CHD	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1243 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	22L	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	4870 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go;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:	33.269721,-111.811111(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gerhardt, Adam		
Additional Participating Persons:	Steve Meisner; Scottsdale FSDO (FAA); Scottsdale, AZ		
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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=92861		

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