



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: El Dorado, Missouri Accident Number: GAA18CA055

Date & Time: November 21, 2017, 14:40 Local Registration: N62979

Aircraft: Bellanca 8KCAB Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 3 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

#### **Analysis**

The pilot of the tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that, during the landing roll, the airplane veered off the runway. The right wing subsequently collided with a tree before the airplane came to rest on the grass.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the right wing and fuselage.

The pilot reported that there were no preaccident 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.

### **Findings**

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

**Environmental issues** Tree(s) - Contributed to outcome

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# **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:	43,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	4-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 20, 2016
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	May 17, 2017
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 213.1 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1 hours (Total, this make and model)		

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# **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	Bellanca	Registration:	N62979
Model/Series:	8KCAB NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1972	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Aerobatic; Normal	Serial Number:	36-72
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	November 8, 2017 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2656.9 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-320-E1A
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

# Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KPTS,952 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	43 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	20:35 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	235°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	16 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	30°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.09 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	15°C / 2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	El Dorado, MO (87K)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	El Dorado, MO (87K)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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# **Airport Information**

Airport:	EL DORADO SPRINGS MEMORIAL 87K	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	931 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Unknown
Runway Used:	04	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3295 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Stop and go;Traffic pattern

# Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	3 None	Latitude, Longitude:	37.855556,-94.000831(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Vanover, Jackie
Additional Participating Persons:	David Plum; FAA; Kansas City, KS
Original Publish Date:	May 14, 2018
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=96372

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