



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	Start, Louisiana	Accident Number:	GAA18CA297
Date & Time:	May 23, 2018, 14:15 Local	Registration:	N4913Z
Aircraft:	Piper PA22	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Abnormal runway contact	Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot of the tailwheel-equipped airplane reported that, during landing on a grass airstrip, the airplane was close to an aerodynamic stall. He added that, during the landing, the airplane bounced multiple times, the propeller struck the ground, and the airplane then nosed over.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the right wing lift strut.

The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions 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 improper landing flare, which resulted in a bounced landing.

Findings

Aircraft	Landing flare - Not attained/maintained
Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Pilot

Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing	Abnormal runway contact (Defining event)
Landing	Nose over/nose down

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	42, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Unknown
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 22, 2015
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	May 19, 2017
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 1827.8 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4.6 hours (Total, this make and model), 1746.8 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 6.1 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4.6 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N4913Z
Model/Series:	PA22 108	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1962	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	22-8499
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	September 1, 2017 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1649 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1055.9 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-320
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
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:	KMLU,81 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	12 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	18:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	289°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 3200 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.04 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	32°C / 22°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Start, LA (PVT)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Start, LA (PVT)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	Private PVT	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	83 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	UKN	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3000 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor, 1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	32.455001,-91.82611(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Benhoff, Kathryn
Additional Participating Persons:	John Shamblin; FAA; Baton Rouge, LA
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Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=97319

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