

# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location: LAKEWOOD, NJ Accident Number: NYC82FHD18

Date & Time: 08/13/1982, 1800 EDT Registration: N380MA

Aircraft: BEECH E18S Aircraft Damage: Destroyed

Defining Event: Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Minor

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation -

### **Analysis**

PRIOR TO FLT THE SPARK PLUGS ON BOTH ENGS WERE REPLACED DUE TO MINOR ENG VIBRATION & THE LANDING GEAR RETRACT SYSTEM WIRING REPAIRED DUE TO THE GEAR NOT RETRACTING ELECTRICALLY ON A PRIOR OCCASION. AFTER TAKEOFF THE GEAR WOULD NOT RETRACT ELECTRICALLY & THE PASSENGER HAD TO CRANK UP THE GEAR MANUALLY. AFTER THE PARACHUTE JUMP THE PLT SHUT DOWN THE LEFT ENG TO ISOLATE THE VIBRATION. HE THEN STARTED THE LEFT ENG & FEATHERED THE RIGHT ENG. UNABLE TO UNFEATHER THE RIGHTENG HE ELECTED TO LAND WITH FULL FLAPS & GEAR DOWN AFTER A STRAIGHT-IN APPROACH. AS HE APPROACHED THE THRESHOLD A C-150 TAXIED ONTO THE RWY. THE PLT EXECUTED A GO-AROUND WHILE TRYING TO RETRACT THE FLAPS & GEAR ELECTRICALLY WITHOUT RESULTS. THE PAX WAS ATTEMPTING TO RETRACT THE GEAR MANUALLY WHEN THE ACFT STRUCK A TREE. THE PLT STATED HE DID NOT MAKE HIS LANDING INTENTIONS KNOWN ON UNICOM DURING THE APPROACH. NO PRE-IMPACT DESCREPANCIES WERE FOUND TO PRECLUDE NORMAL PROP OPERATION. NORMAL ELECT POWER IS HALVED WITH ONE GENERATION INOPERATIVE.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

#### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

#### **Findings**

- 1. (F) ENGINE ASSEMBLY VIBRATION
- 2. (F) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION IMPROPER PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (F) PROPELLER SYSTEM/ACCESSORIES, FEATHERING SYSTEM UNDETERMINED

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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

#### **Findings**

- 4. (C) PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES DISREGARDED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. (C) RADIO COMMUNICATIONS NOT USED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. (F) OBJECT AIRCRAFT MOVING ON GROUND
- 7. (F) ABORTED LANDING PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 8. (F) GO-AROUND INITIATED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 9. (F) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OUTPUT LOW
- 10. (F) GEAR RETRACTION NOT ATTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 11. (F) RAISING OF FLAPS NOT ATTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 12. (F) AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE, ENGINE OUT CAPABILITY DETERIORATED
- 13. (F) AIRSPEED(VMC) NOT ATTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 14. OBJECT TREE(S)

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# **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Flight Instructor	Age:	49, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalw/waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	04/26/1982
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	25000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 200	00 hours (Total, this make and model)	

# Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N380MA
Model/Series:	E18S E18S	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	BA237
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tailwheel	Seats:	10
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	9700 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	45 Hours	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	11300 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	P & W
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	R-985
Registered Owner:	FITNESS MARKETING ASSOCIATION	Rated Power:	450 hp
Operator:	FITNESS MARKETING ASSOCIATION	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 3500 ft agl	Visibility	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	290°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	77°C / 0°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	LAKEWOOD, NJ	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	LAKEWOOD, NJ	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1700	Type of Airspace:	

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	LAKEWOOD	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	6	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3535 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

# Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	On-Ground
Total Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Report Date	<b>:</b> :	08/13/1983
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent arcinvestigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are pure Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-this date are available at <a href="mailto:http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/</a> .	ublicl	y available from the NTSB's

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