

National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location: JENNINGS, LA Accident Number: FTW84FA190

Date & Time: 04/05/1984, 1045 CST Registration: N6RG

Aircraft: BEECH 65 Aircraft Damage: Destroyed

Defining Event: Injuries: 1 Fatal

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Ferry

Analysis

A POPPING OR BACKFIRING SOUND WAS HEARD BY SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO LATER OBSERVED THE ACFT FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE A FINAL APPROACH TO RWY 13 AT JENNINGS ARPT (LOCATED ABOUT 75 MI SW OF THE DEPARTURE POINT.) NO RADIOS WERE ONBOARD THE ACFT SO NO DISTRESS CALLS WERE MADE. BECAUSE OF THE WIND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A DOWNWIND LANDING. THE ACFT THEN ABORTED THE APPROACH DUE TO AN ACFT LANDING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION & APPEARED TO START A LEFT TURN ONTO ABASE LEG WHEN IT STALLED, PITCHED NOSE DOWN & IMPACTED THE GROUND WITH ITS LANDING GEAR & FLAPS EXTENDED. WRECKAGE EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT ALL 3 BLADES OF THE RIGHT PROP WERE BENT SMOOTHLY & SYMMETRICALLY REARWARD. HOWEVER, NO PRE- IMPACT FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION OF THE RIGHT ENG WAS FOUND. THERE WERE NO ENTRIES IN THE ACFT'S LOGBOOK FROM 7/1/78 UNTIL 4/3/84 WHEN THE ACFT WAS INSPECTED FOR THE FERRY FLT. THE PLT WAS NOT MULTI-ENG RATED & HAD NOT FLOWN THIS TYPE ACFT IN ABOUT 10 YEARS. THE PLT'S COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE WAS REVOKED ON 11/21/81.

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

Phase of Operation: UNKNOWN

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT

Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - BASE TURN

Findings

- 2. PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES NOT FOLLOWED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (F) QUALIFICATION PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (F) OVERCONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL ABILITY PILOT IN COMMAND
- 5. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING INITIATED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. GO-AROUND PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 7. (C) AIRSPEED(VMC) NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 8. (C) STALL INADVERTENT PILOT IN COMMAND
- 9. (C) INADEQUATE TRANSITION/UPGRADE TRAINING PILOT IN COMMAND
- 10. (F) LACK OF RECENT EXPERIENCE PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - BASE TURN

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	None	Age:	44, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	None Expired	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N6RG
Model/Series:	65 65	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	LC-199
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	7700 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	IGSO-480-A1E6
Registered Owner:	DAVID N. POWER	Rated Power:	340 hp
Operator:	DAVID N. POWER	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:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	20 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	310°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	NEW ROADS, LA	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	MESA, AZ	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1008 CST	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	JENNINGS (3R7)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	25 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Go Around; Precautionary Landing

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	J.	O JOHNSON	Report Date:
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	invest Recor	igations. Dockets released prior to June	permanent archival information for the NTSB's 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's gov, or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after v/pubdms/.

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