

# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location: EGEGIK, AK Accident Number: ANC84LA053

Date & Time: 04/07/1984, 1800 AST Registration: N719MS

Aircraft: BEECH BE-18D Aircraft Damage: Destroyed

Defining Event: 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Business

### **Analysis**

THE PLT STATED THE ENGINES LOSS POWER AS A RESULT OF SNOW INGESTION AND CARBURETOR ICING UPON ENTERING CLOUDS. ACCORDING TO THE PLT, HE ENTERED THE CLOUDS AT 9000 FT MSL AND ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SNOW. HE REMAINED IMC UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 100-300 FT AGL WHEN HE 'BROKE OUT' INTO VMC FLT CONDITIONS. AFTER DITCHING THE ACFT, THE PLT AND PASSG SWAM TO SHORE. THE ACFT WASHED OUT TO SEA AND WAS NOT RECOVERED

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

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

#### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - NORMAL

#### **Findings**

- 1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION ICING CONDITIONS
- 2. (C) FLIGHT INTO KNOWN ADVERSE WEATHER CONTINUED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (C) LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH AIRCRAFT PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION SNOW
- 5. (C) LACK OF TOTAL EXPERIENCE PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - NORMAL

#### **Findings**

6. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CARBURETOR ICING CONDITIONS

7. (C) CARBURETOR HEAT - IMPROPER USE OF - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #3: DITCHING

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

#### **Findings**

8. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER, GLASSY

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# **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	34, Male
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Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	09/01/1983
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1439 hours (Total, all aircraft), 158 hours (Total, this make and model), 1409 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 44 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

# Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N719MS
Model/Series:	BE-18D BE-18D	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Utility	Serial Number:	A-320
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	04/06/1984, Continuous Airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	8750 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6660 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	R-985 SERIES
Registered Owner:	LAWRENCE L. BRADLEY	Rated Power:	450 hp
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:	KING FLYING SERVICE	Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument 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:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	3 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 300 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots / 20 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	135°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-1°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	SAND POINT, AK (SDP)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	KING SALMON, AK (AKN)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1630 CST	Type of Airspace:	Class E

### **Airport Information**

Airport:	EGEGIK (Z03)	Runway Surface Type:	Water
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Watercalm
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced Landing

# Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

# Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	RONALD	E MICKLE	Report Date:
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:publing@ntsb.gov">publing@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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