



National Transportation Safety Board

Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	NEAR KENAI, AK	Accident Number:	ANC82DA064
Date & Time:	08/03/1982, 1415 AKD	Registration:	N1751U
Aircraft:	CESSNA 207	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	6 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation -		

Analysis

SEVERAL BLACK BEARS WERE SPOTTED IN A NARROW CANYON AND THE PILOT BEGAN MAKING TIGHT, DESCENDING TURNS SO HIS SIGHTSEEING PASSENGERS COULD GET PHOTOGRAPHS. REPORTEDLY, THE STALL WARNING HORN CAME ON, BUT THE PILOT CONTINUED THE TURNS. HE FINALLY ROLLED OUT OF THE TURN, BUT WAS HEADED UPHILL IN THE VALLEY. THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AIRSPEED WHILE CLIMBING UP THE VALLEY. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND NOSED OVER. THE ELEVATION OF THE CRASH SITE WAS ABOUT 3000 FT AND THE REPORTED TEMPERATURE WAS 62 DEG.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: CLIMB

Findings

1. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - MOUNTAINOUS/HILLY
2. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - HIGH DENSITY ALTITUDE
5. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - RISING
6. PROPER CLIMB RATE - NOT POSSIBLE - PILOT IN COMMAND
7. STALL/MUSH - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER

Phase of Operation: OTHER

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	33, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	03/09/1982
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	5143 hours (Total, all aircraft), 95 hours (Total, this make and model), 4634 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 131 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N1751U
Model/Series:	207 207	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	00351
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	7
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3800 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	32 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2811 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-F
Registered Owner:	KENAI AIR ALASKA	Rated Power:	300 hp
Operator:	KENAI AIR ALASKA	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)

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	50 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	Calm /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	62°C / 0°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	KENAI, AK (ENA)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	KENAI, AK (ENA)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1330	Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	5 Serious	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	6 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Report Date: 08/03/1983
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 pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.ntsb.gov/pubdms/ .

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