



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	PARIS, AR	Accident Number:	FTW94LA080
Date & Time:	02/03/1994, 1530 CST	Registration:	N7141M
Aircraft:	CESSNA 175	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Ferry

On February 3, 1994, at 1530 central standard time, a Cessna 175, N7141M, struck a power pole and collided with terrain during a forced landing near the Paris, Arkansas, Municipal Airport. The pilot received serious injuries and the aircraft sustained substantial damage. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the ferry flight.

According to information provided by witnesses, the aircraft was being ferried to Ozark, Arkansas, for repairs. The airplane took off and the engine lost all power after takeoff at an altitude estimated to be between 200 and 300 feet above ground level (AGL). The pilot said he attempted to return to the airport but stalled the aircraft and struck a utility pole during the emergency descent.

According to information supplied by the FAA inspector who went on scene, the aircraft had its last annual inspection in 1981, and had been sitting at the airport without use for approximately a year and a half. He also provided information that the aircraft had flown about 30 hours in the last 13 years.

The FAA inspector stated that an annual inspection had been started on November 16, 1990, and that during that inspection, 36 safety of flight discrepancies had been found. The annual was not completed and the pilot, who is not a licensed mechanic, said he repaired the necessary things and "it checked out good on the ground."

The FAA inspector did not sample the fuel or conduct an internal examination of the engine; however, the attached photographs provide evidence of rust and algae growth in the fuel tanks.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	64, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	01/02/1992
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	5400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3500 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N7141M
Model/Series:	175 175	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	55441
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	01/01/1981, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2350 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-300A
Registered Owner:	WAGES, JOSEPH J.	Rated Power:	160 hp
Operator:	WAGES, JOSEPH J.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SFM, 469 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1550 CST	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 12000 ft agl	Visibility	25 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	210°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	13° C / -7° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	OZARK, AR (7M5)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1530 CST	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	NORMAN F WIEMEYER,
Additional Participating Persons:	NEAL R VINES; LITTLE ROCK, AR
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