



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	UNKNOWN, UT	Accident Number:	SEA97LA157
Date & Time:	07/01/1997, 0000	Registration:	N4395R
Aircraft:	Cessna 172M	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation -

Analysis

On 7/01/97 a flying club official reported that during annual inspection a mechanic found that the firewall was structurally damaged. The last annual was performed in June 1996. The official stated that he does not know when, where, or who damaged the aircraft. There are approximately 60 members in the flying club. Injury index is presumed.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: UNDETERMINED
Phase of Operation: UNKNOWN

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Factual Information

On an unknown date, time and location, a Cessna 172M, N4395R, registered to and operated by Hill Flying Club, was substantially damaged during an unknown flight operation. The weather is unknown at the time of the accident, and it is unknown if a flight plan was filed. The pilot, and if passengers were on board at the time is unknown. It is presumed that there were no injuries.

On July 1, 1997, a flying club official reported to the National Transportation Safety Board, Northwest Regional Office, that during annual inspection, the mechanic found that the firewall was structurally damaged. The last annual was performed in June of 1996. The official stated that he does not know when, where, or who damaged the aircraft. There are approximately 60 members in the flying club.

July 1, 1997, is listed in this report as the accident date for computer entry purposes only.

Pilot Information

Certificate:		Age:	
Airplane Rating(s):		Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):		Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Unknown Unknown	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N4395R
Model/Series:	172M 172M	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	17263145
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	06/06/1996, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	7569 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-E2D
Registered Owner:	HILL FLYING CLUB	Rated Power:	150 hp
Operator:	HILL FLYING CLUB	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Unknown	Condition of Light:	Not Reported
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	0 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Unknown
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	DEBRA J ECKROTE	Report Date:	04/24/1998
Additional Participating Persons:	DICK LUND; SALT LAKE CITY, UT		
Publish Date:			
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