



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	LILLIAN, AL	Accident Number:	MIA93FA041
Date & Time:	01/01/1993, 1510 CST	Registration:	N72088
Aircraft:	LUSCOMBE 8A	Injuries:	1 Fatal, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

AIRCRAFT WAS LISTED ON FAA REGISTRY AS DEREGISTERED BY PREVIOUS OWNER WHO SOLD AIRCRAFT AS SALVAGE. AIRCRAFT DID NOT HAVE CURRENT ANNUAL INSPECTION. PILOT-IN-COMMAND (PIC) DID NOT HAVE CURRENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE. NO PILOT LOGBOOK WAS FOUND BY PILOT'S FAMILY, AND IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF PIC HAD CURRENT BIENNIAL FLIGHT REVIEW. PILOT-RATED PASSENGER STATED PILOT OVER FLEW PRIVATE STRIP AND ENTERED BASE LEG. AS THEY TURNED FROM BASE TO FINAL APPROACH THE PIC LET THE AIRCRAFT GET TOO SLOW AND THE AIRCRAFT STALLED. THEY THEN DESCENDED UNCONTROLLED AND COLLIDED WITH THE GROUND. PASSENGER REPORTED THERE WERE NO MECHANICAL MALFUNCTIONS WITH THE AIRCRAFT.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN AIRSPEED AS THE AIRCRAFT WAS TURNED FROM BASE LEG TO FINAL APPROACH, RESULTING IN AN INADVERTENT STALL AND UNCONTROLLED DESCENT TO THE GROUND.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - BASE LEG/BASE TO FINAL

Findings

1. (C) AIRSPEED(VS) - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

3. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	63
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	6150 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	LUSCOMBE	Registration:	N72088
Model/Series:	8A 8A	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	PETERSON, CHARLES H.	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	A-65-8
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	PNS, 121 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 350°
Temperature:	19° C	Visibility	7 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PENSACOLA, FL	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	JEFFREY L KENNEDY	Adopted Date:	11/15/1993
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.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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