



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	KALSKAG, AK	Accident Number:	ANC92LA056
Date & Time:	04/01/1992, 0030 AST	Registration:	N11140
Aircraft:	CESSNA 150	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Fatal

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PILOT HAD LANDED AT THE KALSKAG AIRPORT EARLIER - SOMETIME AFTER 2200 - AND WAS OBSERVED DRINKING HEAVILY FROM A BOTTLE WHICH WAS FINISHED AND THROWN AWAY. HE THEN TOOK ANOTHER FIFTH OF WHISKEY OUT FROM BEHIND HIS SEAT. THE PASSENGER ASKED THE PILOT TO FLY HER TO RUSSIAN MISSION. THE PILOT STATED HE WANTED TO SOBER UP FIRST. THE PASSENGER COAXED THE PILOT 'LIKE CRAZY' INTO TAKING HER. THE PILOT THEN TOOK THE OPEN FIFTH FROM BEHIND HIS SEAT AND PUT IT IN THE PASSENGER'S LAP. HE THEN AGREED TO FLY HER TO RUSSIAN MISSION. AT 0200 AN ELT SIGNAL WAS PICKED UP BY A SATELLITE. THE AIRPLANE HAD CRASHED ON A FROZEN LAKE 12 MI WEST OF KALSKAG. DAMAGE WAS CONSISTENT WITH A HIGH SPEED, NOSE LOW IMPACT. THE PILOT'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS 209 MG/DL, AND A 0.035 UG/ML LEVEL OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CARBOXYLIC ACID (MARIJUANA) WAS ALSO DETECTED IN HIS BLOOD. THE PASSENGER'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS 95 MG/DL.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: THE PILOT'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE AS A RESULT OF HIS PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT DUE TO ALCOHOL. A FACTOR WAS THE DARK NIGHT.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

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1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) IMPAIRMENT(ALCOHOL) - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	32, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	06/21/1991
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N11140
Model/Series:	150 150	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	15075217
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	01/02/2000, Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, aided in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	O-200-A
Registered Owner:	FRED C. HOLMBERG	Rated Power:	100 hp
Operator:	FRED C. HOLMBERG	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
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	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 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:	-4° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	RUSSIAN MISSION, AK (RSH)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0020 AST	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	GEORGE KOBELNYK	Report Date:	12/16/1993
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 pubinquiry@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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