



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	BAYFIELD, CO	Accident Number:	DEN99FA158
Date & Time:	09/01/1999, 1100 MDT	Registration:	N95PW
Aircraft:	Wroblewski RV-4	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot was flying his homebuilt airplane as a flight of two with another aircraft. The accident airplane was trailing behind the other aircraft, and both airplanes flew low over their friend's house. Several witnesses, including the friend, observed the trailing aircraft fly overhead. The left wing tipped, and the airplane rolled to the left, then headed toward the ground with the nose pointed downward. The aircraft struck several trees then impacted the ground.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain control of the aircraft for undetermined reasons.

Findings

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

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Findings

2. TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH TERRAIN
3. TERRAIN CONDITION - MOUNTAINOUS/HILLY
4. OBJECT - TREE(S)

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	59
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	809 hours (Total, all aircraft), 482 hours (Total, this make and model), 760 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 42 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Wroblewski	Registration:	N95PW
Model/Series:	RV-4 RV-4	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	PHILLIP A. WROBLEWSKI	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-D3G
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	DRO, 6685 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 9000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	3 knots / , 270°
Temperature:	18° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO (2V1)	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	B. BEACH SCOTT	Adopted Date:	12/05/2000
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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