



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	NEENAH, WI	Accident Number:	CHI00LA130
Date & Time:	05/02/2000, 1020 CDT	Registration:	N4956
Aircraft:	Grunska KITFOX IV	Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The airplane contacted a tree while landing to the east on a private airstrip (2,000 foot x 80 foot wide grass field). He stated he 'landed short' and added power. He stated, '...we made the runway easily, but bounced once and headed into a tree.' The pilot reported the local winds were out of the east at 12 knots. Inspection of the accident site revealed the airplane traveled off the north side of the airstrip where it contacted a tree.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: the pilot's failure to maintain directional control of the airplane while landing. A factor associated with the accident was the tree that the airplane contacted.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

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

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

2. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	82
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	200 hours (Total, all aircraft), 48 hours (Total, this make and model), 175 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Grunska	Registration:	N4956
Model/Series:	KITFOX IV KITFOX IV	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	NORMAN C. GRUNSKA	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	912
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	OSH, 808 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 90°
Temperature:	13° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	(NONE)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	PRIVATE AIRSTRIP (NONE)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Runway Used:	9	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	2000 ft / 80 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Latitude, Longitude:

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	PAMELA S SULLIVAN	Adopted Date:	05/17/2001
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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