



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	MONTAUK, NY	Accident Number:	NYC90LA209
Date & Time:	09/01/1990, 1545 EDT	Registration:	N4324Q
Aircraft:	CESSNA 172L	Injuries:	1 Fatal, 2 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT WAS ATTEMPTING TO EXECUTE A GO AROUND, BECAUSE OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ON THE RUNWAY. WITNESSES STATED THE AIRPLANE WAS ABOUT 4 FEET ABOVE THE RUNWAY WHEN THE PILOT, 'ABRUPTLY PULLED UP, PROCEEDED SLOWLY, WAVERING AND DRIFTING TO THE RIGHT OF THE RUNWAY.' THE PLANE THEN TURNED SHARPLY TO THE LEFT AND CRASHED NOSE FIRST.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: PILOT FAILED TO ATTAIN AIRSPEED DURING A GO AROUND, RESULTING IN THE AIRPLANE STALLING AT A LOW ALTITUDE. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR WAS THE PILOT'S ATTENTION WAS DIVERTED TO AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WORKING NEAR THE APPROACH END OF THE RUNWAY.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: GO-AROUND (VFR)

Findings

1. (F) OTHER AIRPORT/RUNWAY MAINTENANCE - CONFUSING - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) GO-AROUND - ATTEMPTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT ATTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) STALL - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Findings

6. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	34
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N4324Q
Model/Series:	172L 172L	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	SKYLARK AIRPARK, INC.	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320E2D
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Temperature:		Visibility	0 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	WAREHOUSE POINT, CT (7B6)	Destination:	MONTAUK POINT, NY (48N)

Airport Information

Airport:	MONTAUK	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	0	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): ALAN J YURMAN

Adopted Date: 11/09/1992

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