



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	HATCHER PASS, AK	Accident Number:	ANC88FA065
Date & Time:	06/01/1988, 1905 AKD	Registration:	N3327E
Aircraft:	CESSNA 172N	Injuries:	3 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT THE 3100 FOOT LEVEL OF A MOUNTAIN PASS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY GROUND IMPACT AND FIRE, AND THE PILOT AND THE TWO PASSENGERS WERE FATALLY INJURED. WITNESSES NEAR THE CRASH SITE STATED THE AIRCRAFT WAS MANEUVERING VERY LOW ABOVE THE GROUND JUST BEFORE THE CRASH.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

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

Findings

1. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH TERRAIN
2. (C) AIRSPEED - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	37
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	233 hours (Total, all aircraft), 11 hours (Total, this make and model), 182 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N3327E
Model/Series:	172N 172N	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	JOSEPH WILBUR	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-H2AD
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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:	Witness
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 6000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	10° C	Visibility	40 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ANCHORAGE, AK (MRI)	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	JAMES MICHELANGELO	Adopted Date:	04/25/1989
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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