



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	NIKOLAI CREEK, AK	Accident Number:	ANC88LA091
Date & Time:	06/01/1988, 2130 AKD	Registration:	N9895L
Aircraft:	GRUMMAN AA-1B	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

A PILOT REPORTED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO TAXI OFF THE DIRT ROAD THAT HE HAD JUST USED AS A LANDING SITE IN A RURAL AREA OF ALASKA, WHEN THE AIRPLANE'S LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR WHEEL BECAME MIRED IN A SOFT SPOT. THE AIRCRAFT VEERED OFF THE ROAD INTO A DITCH.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SOFT
2. (F) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - ENCOUNTERED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) PROPER ASSISTANCE - NOT OBTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) LACK OF TOTAL EXPERIENCE IN TYPE OPERATION - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
6. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

Occurrence #2: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	30
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	127 hours (Total, all aircraft), 95 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	GRUMMAN	Registration:	N9895L
Model/Series:	AA-1B AA-1B	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	GARY R. KUHN	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-235-C2C
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Light and Variable / , Variable
Temperature:	16°C	Visibility	50 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PALMER, AK (PAQ)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	DIRT ROAD	Runway Surface Type:	Dirt
Runway Used:	0	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	JAMES D LA BELLE	Adopted Date:	04/14/1989
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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