



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	ELKO, NV	<b>Accident Number:</b>	SEA89FA015
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	11/02/1988, 1453 PST	<b>Registration:</b>	N9AG
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BEECH 65	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	2 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning		

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## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	33, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	Yes
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	09/27/1987
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	884 hours (Total, all aircraft), 103 hours (Total, this make and model), 748 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 21 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N9AG
Model/Series:	65 65	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted	Serial Number:	LC-51
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	08/18/1988, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	7700 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	65 Hours	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	8945 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IGSO-480-A1A6
Registered Owner:	AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICS, INC	Rated Power:	340 hp
Operator:	AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICS	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	EKO, 5135 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1450 PST	Direction from Accident Site:	220°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	30 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 7000 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots / 25 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	260°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	14° C / -4° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ELKO, NV (EKO)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:	FARMINGTON, NM (FMN)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1440 PST	Type of Airspace:	Airport Advisory Area

## Airport Information

Airport:	ELKO (EKO)	Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:	5135 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	23	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6400 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic Pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	PRENTISS E MANGUM
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	JOHN MONTIBELLO; RENO, NV DEAN THOMPSON; WICHITA, KS K A JOHN; HUNTINGTONBEACH, CA P G LILLEY; SUNNYVALE, CA
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