



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	OXNARD, CA	Accident Number:	LAX87LA223
Date & Time:	06/02/1987, 2212 PDT	Registration:	N7320A
Aircraft:	CESSNA 152	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT DEPARTED OXNARD ARPT ON A VFR FLT TO WHITEMANT ARPT, LOS ANGELES, CA. GRND WITNESS OBSVD THE AIRPLANE ENTER CLOUDS AND FOG AFTER CROSSING THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE ARPT BOUNDARY. THE AIRPLANE WAS THEN OBSVD IN A DESCENDING LEFT TURN SOUTH OF THE ARPT. WHERE IT COLLIDED WITH WIRES AND CRASHED. THE PLT REPTD THAT THE AIRPLANE SUSTAINED A POWER LOSS AND THAT HE WAS EXECUTING A FORCED LNDG; THE WITNESSES REPTD THAT THE ENGINE SOUND WAS STEADY THROUGHOUT THE CRASH SEQUENCE.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
4. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - TURN TO REVERSE DIRECTION

Findings

6. OBJECT - WIRE, TRANSMISSION

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	57, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	04/21/1985
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	319 hours (Total, all aircraft), 319 hours (Total, this make and model), 290 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N7320A
Model/Series:	152 152	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	A1500713
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	06/23/1986, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-200A
Registered Owner:	CHECINSKI, WIESLAW J	Rated Power:	100 hp
Operator:	CHECKINSKI, W. J.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	1 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Obscured / 600 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	Calm /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	18° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	LOS ANGELES, CA (WHP)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	2210 PDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	OXNARD (OXR)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	43 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	25	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5950 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	A. D LLORENTE	Report Date:	02/24/1989
Additional Participating Persons:	A SCOTT; VAN NUYS, CA		
Publish Date:			
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident docket 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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