



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

<b>Location:</b>	GOUDEAU, LA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW86FA073
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/01/1986, 0820 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N3832E
<b>Aircraft:</b>	PARTENAVIA P68C	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Public Aircraft		

## Analysis

THE PILOT RECEIVED A WEATHER BRIEFING INDICATING IMC CONDITIONS EXISTED AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE AND AT REPORTING STATIONS NEAR THE POINT OF THE FIRST INTENDED LANDING. (THERE WAS NO REPORTING STATIONS AT THE AIRPORT OF INTENDED LANDING). WEATHER CONDITIONS CHANGED TO VMC AT THE DEPARTURE POINT AND THE PILOT WAS CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF ON A SPECIAL VFR DEPARTURE. THE PILOT CONTINUED VFR FLIGHT FOR ABOUT 55 STATUTE MILES AND COLLIDED WITH A 500 FOOT RADIO ANTENNA AT A POINT ABOUT 350 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. THE ANTENNA WAS ON A DIRECT LINE BETWEEN THE POINTS OF DEPARTURE AND INTENDED LANDING. THE PILOT REPORTEDLY WAS NAVIGATING BY LORAN RADIO. WITNESSES REPORTED THE UPPER HALF OF THE IMPACTED ANTENNA WAS OBSCURED BY FOG WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. WITNESSES REPORTED THE VISIBILITY TO BE ABOUT ONE MILE.

## Probable Cause

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: CRUISE - NORMAL

### Findings

1. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
3. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DAYLIGHT

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

### Findings

4. (F) OBJECT - ELECTRICAL TOWER(MARKED)
5. (F) OBJECT - GUY WIRE

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

## Findings

### 6. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - OPEN FIELD

#### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Airline Transport	<b>Age:</b>	54
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>	8200 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

#### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	PARTENAVIA	<b>Registration:</b>	N3832E
<b>Model/Series:</b>	P68C P68C	<b>Engines:</b>	2 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-360-A1B6
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#### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Instrument Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	ESF, 112 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Broken / 700 ft agl	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	6 knots / , 170°
<b>Temperature:</b>	22° C	<b>Visibility</b>	3 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)	<b>Destination:</b>	BUNKIE, LA (2R6)

#### Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>			

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): J. O JOHNSON

Adopted Date:

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