



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	DUBLIN, NC	Accident Number:	ATL85LA075
Date & Time:	01/01/1985, 1130 EST	Registration:	N50913
Aircraft:	CESSNA 150J	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT REPORTED THAT THE ACFT LOST POWER IN CRUISE FLIGHT AND HE ATTEMPTED TO LAND IN AN OPEN FIELD. HE ABORTED THE APPROACH BECAUSE OF A TAILWIND AND FLEW ALONG A RIVER FOR APRX 1 MILE BEFORE DITCHING IN THE WATER. THE ACFT SANK IN THE RIVER AND THE PLT SWAM TO SHORE. THE ACFT WAS NOT RECOVERED FROM THE RIVER AND CAUSE OF THE POWER LOSS WAS NOT DETERMINED.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Findings

2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - UNFAVORABLE WIND
3. (F) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: DITCHING
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	51
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	335 hours (Total, all aircraft), 295 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N50913
Model/Series:	150J 150J	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	DAVID P. SINGLETARY	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-200-A
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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:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 6500 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	12 knots / 18 knots, 230°
Temperature:	22° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ELIZABETHTOWN, NC (4WI)	Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	DENNIS D HENDERSON	Adopted 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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