



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	EDNA, TX	Accident Number:	FTW85LA243
Date & Time:	06/01/1985, 1500 CDT	Registration:	N3708E
Aircraft:	AERONCA 7AC	Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL DURING A CROSSWIND TAKEOFF FROM A RANCH ROAD. THE ACFT VEERED OFF THE RIGHT (NORTH) SIDE OF THE ROAD WHERE IT CONTACTED A DITCH IN A RICE FIELD.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - CROSSWIND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DIRT BANK/RISING EMBANKMENT

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	46
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	401 hours (Total, all aircraft), 48 hours (Total, this make and model), 341 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 19 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	AERONCA	Registration:	N3708E
Model/Series:	7AC 7AC	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	JOE DAVID SANDERS	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-235-L2C
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:	PSX, 15 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 190°
Temperature:	30° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Destination:	EDNA, TX

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	J. O JOHNSON	Adopted Date:	
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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