



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	VAN NUYS, CA	Accident Number:	LAX86LA001
Date & Time:	10/02/1985, 1634 PDT	Registration:	N9AZ
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-32-300	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	48, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	05/04/1984
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1846 hours (Total, all aircraft), 50 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N9AZ
Model/Series:	PA-32-300 PA-32-300	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	32-7540049
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	7
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	09/20/1985, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3400 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	2 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	682 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	IO-540-K15
Registered Owner:	THOMAS C. BREWER	Rated Power:	300 hp
Operator:	FRANK W. ARMELLINI	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	VNY, 799 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1625 PDT	Direction from Accident Site:	330°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	250°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	32° C / 6° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	VAN NUYS, CA (VNY)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	LOS ANGELES, CA (LAX)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	1628 PDT	Type of Airspace:	Class D

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
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): JAMES A WALL

Additional Participating Persons: CLIFF ELBL; VAN NUYS, CA

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/>.