



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	ELBERT, CO	Accident Number:	DEN86FTE02
Date & Time:	11/02/1985, 0655 MST	Registration:	N26BW
Aircraft:	BEECH 58	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE ACFT CRASHED IN A OPEN FIELD & WAS NOT FOUND FOR 4 DAYS. THE HOME BUILT ACFT, MAINTAINED LARGELY BY THE PLT, HAD THE ENGINE DESTROYED SO COMPLETELY THAT NO DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE AS TO POWER BEING DEVELOPED AT IMPACT. THE PLT REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN ACTING STRANGELY FOR A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT. NO RADIO CALLS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FLT AFTER THE INITIAL CLEARANCE. THE ACFT IMPACTED 70-80 DEGGEEES NOSE DWN WITH THE WONGS LEVEL.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: UNDETERMINED
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings
1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	56
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	4913 hours (Total, all aircraft), 35 hours (Total, this make and model), 9 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BEECH	Registration:	N26BW
Model/Series:	58 58	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	ROBERT C. WARD	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-320
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Dawn
Observation Facility, Elevation:	DEN, 5883 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , 320°
Temperature:	3°C	Visibility	75 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ERIE, CO (48V)	Destination:	OCEANSIDE, CA (L32)

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	H W STROH	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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