



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	OSSEO, MI	Accident Number:	CHI84LA309
Date & Time:	07/01/1984, 1615 EDT	Registration:	N1106B
Aircraft:	GLASFLUGEL LIBELLE	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PLT STATED THAT THE THERMALS DISSIPATED & HE HAD TO MAKE AN OFF ARPT LANDING. THE LANDING WAS MADE IN A FIELD OF TALL GRASS & THE LEFT WING CONTACTED THE GRASS FIRST RESULTING IN A 90 DEG GROUND LOOP. THE AFT FUSELAGE SECTION SEPARATED.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

1. (C) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING - PERFORMED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	46
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	122 hours (Total, all aircraft), 60 hours (Total, this make and model), 15 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	GLASFLUGEL	Registration:	N1106B
Model/Series:	LIBELLE LIBELLE	Engines:	Unknown
Operator:	PETER W. SMITH	Engine Manufacturer:	
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	
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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:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 60°
Temperature:	27° C	Visibility	7 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	MONTPELIER, OH (OH14)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	HILLSDALE (Y85)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	0	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

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):	PAMELA S KLECKNER	Adopted Date:	
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