



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	MEADOW VISTA, CA	Accident Number:	LAX85FA038
Date & Time:	11/02/1984, 1815 PST	Registration:	N97638
Aircraft:	STINSON VOYAGER 150	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE ACFT COLLIDED WITH TERRAIN WHILE MANEUVERING NORTHEAST OF AUBURN AIRPORT DURING A VFR PERSONAL FLT. THE PLT ADVISED SACRAMENTO TRACON THAT HE HAD AUBURN ARPT IN SIGHT. HOWEVER, TRACON OBSERVED N97638 FLY OVER & PASS AUBURN ARPT IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION & CALLED THE ACFT. AT THIS TIME, THE PLT ADVISED TRACON THAT HE WANTED A VECTOR TO LINCOLN ARPT, 16 MI WEST OF AUBURN. SACRAMENTO TRACON ADVISED N97638 TO MAINTAIN VFR & THAT HE WAS ENTERING AN AREA OF HIGH TERRAIN. ALSO, HE WAS ADVISED THAT WHEN POSSIBLE, HE SHOULD TURN RIGHT OR LEFT TO A HEADING OF 240 DEG FOR A VECTOR TO LINCOLN ARPT. THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE PLT, BUT SHORTLY AFTER THE ACFT DISAPPEARED FROM RADAR. ACCORDING TO RESIDENTS IN THE ACCIDENT AREA, THE GROUND VISIBILITY WAS 'ZERO ZERO WITH FOG AND MISTY CONDITIONS.' PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ON THIS FLT THE PLT WAS ADVISED BY FSS THAT 'VFR FLIGHT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED.'

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH TERRAIN
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
3. WEATHER FORECAST - DISREGARDED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) FLIGHT INTO KNOWN ADVERSE WEATHER - INTENTIONAL - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (F) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND
6. (C) PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES - NOT FOLLOWED - PILOT IN COMMAND
7. (F) OVERCONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL ABILITY - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	53
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	802 hours (Total, all aircraft), 342 hours (Total, this make and model), 615 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	STINSON	Registration:	N97638
Model/Series:	VOYAGER 150 VOYAGER 15	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	VERINTA BERNADETT	Engine Manufacturer:	FRANKLIN
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	6A4-150-3B
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	SAC, 21 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Witness
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , 360°
Temperature:	16°C	Visibility	0 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	SACRAMENTO, CA (SAC)	Destination:	AUBURN, CA (AUN)

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):	M	W FUNK II	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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