



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	BASTROP, LA	Accident Number:	FTW85LA062
Date & Time:	12/01/1984, 1000 CST	Registration:	N7327M
Aircraft:	CESSNA 175	Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

PLT STATED THAT ON PREFLIGHT A SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER WAS DRAINED FROM EACH WING TANK. ALSO, THE MAIN FUEL STRAINER WAS DRAINED AND FUEL TANKS WERE TOPPED OFF (17 GALS ADDED). AT ABOUT 500 FT AGL ON INITIAL CLIMB, THE ENGINE QUIT AND RESTART ATTEMPTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. A FORCED LANDING WAS EXECUTED IN A PLOWED FIELD. THE REASON FOR ENGINE FAILURE WAS REPORTED TO BE WATER IN THE FUEL.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(TOTAL) - NONMECHANICAL
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - INITIAL CLIMB

Findings

1. (C) AIRCRAFT PREFLIGHT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) FUEL SYSTEM - WATER

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. (F) AIRPORT/FACILITIES - ROUGH/UNEVEN

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	53
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	100 hours (Total, all aircraft), 75 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N7327M
Model/Series:	175 175	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	BOBBY D. MCLEOD	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:		Engine Model/Series:	GO-300-A
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	MLU, 79 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	9 knots / , 150°
Temperature:	16° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	BASTROP, LA (2F8)	Destination:	

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):	ARMOND V EDWARDS	Adopted Date:	
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident docket 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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