



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

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<b>Location:</b>	ST LOUIS, MO	<b>Accident Number:</b>	MKC83LA120
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/01/1983, 1400 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N36600
<b>Aircraft:</b>	AERONCA 65CA	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

THE PLT STATED THAT DURING HIS 4TH FULL STOP LANDING THE ACFT VEERED LEFT OFF THE RWY INTO A FLOODED AREA & NOSED OVER.

## Probable Cause and Findings

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

### Findings

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Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

#### Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

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Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

#### Findings

3. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - WET
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - SOFT

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	31, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>		<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>		<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	03/16/1982
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	113 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 43 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	AERONCA	<b>Registration:</b>	N36600
<b>Model/Series:</b>	65CA 65CA	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	No
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	C16991
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	05/02/1983, Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1150 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1500 Hours	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	CONTINENTAL
<b>ELT:</b>	Not installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	A-65-7
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	ROBERT E. PIAZZA	<b>Rated Power:</b>	65 hp
<b>Operator:</b>	ROBERT E. PIAZZA	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	STL, 605 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	9 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	65°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 0 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	200°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	22° C / 6° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1315 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Airport Information

Airport:	ARROWHEAD (02K)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	450 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	20	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2715 ft / 49 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop; Traffic Pattern

## 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
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	JAMES A WALL	Report Date:	
Additional Participating Persons:			
Publish Date:			
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