



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	PORTLAND, IN	Accident Number:	CHI84FA035
Date & Time:	11/03/1983, 1830 EST	Registration:	N8320G
Aircraft:	CESSNA 150F	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PLT HAD JUST PURCHASED THE ACFT & FLEW A PREVIOUS CO-OWNER TO MONTPELIER, IN, WHERE HE LANDED AT ABOUT DUSK. THE PREVIOUS CO-OWNER DEPLANED. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE ACFT TOOK OFF, HE SAW IT TURN TO THE WEST & DEPART TOWARD MARION. A SHORT TIME LATER, THE ACFT WAS OBSERVED BY NUMEROUS RESIDENTS, CIRCLING OVER PORTLAND, IN, APRX 16 MI SOUTHEAST OF MONTELIER, AT LOW ALT. THE RESIDENTS REPORTED THAT IT WAS MAKING FREQUENT DIVES, CLIMBS & CIRCLES AT LOW ALTITUDES. AT APRX 1830, IT CRASHED WHILE IN A STEEP DIVE. AN EXAM OF THE WRECKAGE WAS MADE, BUT NO PREIMPACT MALFUNCTION OR FAILURE WAS FOUND. HOWEVER, THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE ACFT & EVIDENCE THAT IT HAD IMPACTED AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. PATHOLOGICAL & TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT FACTORS.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED
2. LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	46
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	1500 hours (Total, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N8320G
Model/Series:	150F 150F	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	RICHARD L. TURNER	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-200-A
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Bright
Observation Facility, Elevation:	FWA, 833 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	12 knots / , 20°
Temperature:		Visibility	7 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	MONTPELIER, IN	Destination:	

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):	E. J MCAVOY	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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