



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	CASTROVILLE, CA	Accident Number:	LAX84LA041
Date & Time:	11/02/1983, 0830 PST	Registration:	N9092T
Aircraft:	Continental Copters TOMCAT MARK 5A	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	35, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Multi-engine; Airplane Single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	02/28/1983
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	7225 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1200 hours (Total, this make and model), 6985 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 250 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 75 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Continental Copters	Registration:	N9092T
Model/Series:	TOMCAT MARK 5A TOMCAT MAR	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted	Serial Number:	CCI-78-4
Landing Gear Type:	Skid	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	03/01/1983, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2200 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	61 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2381 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	VO-435-A1E
Registered Owner:	GOMES FARM AIR SERVICE	Rated Power:	425 hp
Operator:	GOMES FARM AIR SERVICE	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	25 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	145°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	16° C / 7° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced Landing

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):	M.	W FUNK
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Additional Participating Persons:

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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