



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	Argyle, NY	<b>Accident Number:</b>	NYC02LA024
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	11/02/2001, 1410 EST	<b>Registration:</b>	N36SK
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Cessna 172D	<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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On November 2, 2001, about 1410 eastern standard time, a Cessna 172D, N36SK, was substantially damaged when it impacted terrain near Argyle, New York. The certificated private pilot was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the local personal flight conducted under 14 CFR Part 91.

The pilot stated that he took off from runway 21 at Argyle Airport (1C3), Argyle, New York. Shortly after departure, about 150 feet above the ground, the oil access door opened. The pilot decided to return for a landing, and made a left turn back towards the airport. The pilot added that due to strong winds, the airplane "lost lift," and it impacted the ground. The airplane came to rest in an alfalfa field about 1/2 mile from the airport. The nose gear, propeller, wings, and fuselage sustained substantial damage. The pilot further stated that he did not experience any pre-impact mechanical malfunctions with the airplane.

The reported wind at an airport about 8 miles northwest of the accident site, at 1353, was from 190 degrees at 14 knots, gusting to 18 knots.

## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	68, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	10/12/2001
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	03/03/2001
<b>Flight Time:</b>	642 hours (Total, all aircraft), 31 hours (Total, this make and model)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N36SK
Model/Series:	172D	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	17250459
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	11/04/2001, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	1 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	5014 Hours at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-300
Registered Owner:	Walter T. Fogg	Rated Power:	145 hp
Operator:	Walter T. Fogg	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	GFL, 328 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	8 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1353 EST	Direction from Accident Site:	324°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Few / 7000 ft agl	Visibility	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	14 knots / 18 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	190°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.04 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	21°C / 11°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Argyle, NY (1C3)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1400 EST	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Airport Information

Airport:	Argyle Airport (1C3)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	330 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	21	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2400 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic Pattern

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Robert J Gretz
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Timothy Shaver; FAA FSDO-01; Albany, NY
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	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 <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .