



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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<b>Location:</b>	Fairbanks, AK	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ANC02LA088
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/01/2002, 1600 AKD	<b>Registration:</b>	N53828
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Bellanca 8GCBC	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Analysis

The pilot reported that during the landing roll on a remote gravel airstrip, he was unable to maintain directional control, and decided to abort the landing. Shortly after applying full power and becoming airborne, he made a left turn to avoid a cabin, and the main landing gear encountered willows, pulling the airplane further to the left. The pilot said he elected to crash the airplane between two trees instead of attempting to turn away or climb over them. He subsequently reduced power and hit the trees. The airplane received substantial damage to the wings, fuselage and empennage. The pilot said there were no preimpact mechanical anomalies with the airplane.

## Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's failure to maintain directional control of the airplane during the landing roll, which precipitated an aborted landing, and subsequent collision with trees.

## Findings

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

### Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND  
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Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ABORTED

### Findings

2. TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION  
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Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ABORTED

### Findings

3. OBJECT - TREE(S)

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	57
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>	1420 hours (Total, all aircraft), 80 hours (Total, this make and model)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Bellanca	<b>Registration:</b>	N53828
<b>Model/Series:</b>	8GCBC	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	Ralph Seekins	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Lycoming
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-360-E2E
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	PAFA, 434 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	3 knots / , 220°
<b>Temperature:</b>	24° C	<b>Visibility</b>	10 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Fairbanks, AK (PAFA)	<b>Destination:</b>	Fairbanks, AK

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	Beaver Creek	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Gravel
<b>Runway Used:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>			

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	65.471389, -147.673611		

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Lawrence R Lewis

**Adopted Date:** 04/18/2003

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