



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	PAMPA, TX	Accident Number:	FTW82FQG14
Date & Time:	02/01/1982, 0000	Registration:	N58947
Aircraft:	CESSNA 182	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Fatal

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Personal

Analysis

N58947 WAS PURCHASED BY THE PILOT THE DAY OF THE ACCIDENT. ACCORDING TO A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR WHO SOLD THE AIRCRAFT, THE PILOT RECEIVED DUAL INSTRUCTION FOR A CHECKOUT IN THE AIRCRAFT AND CURRENCY FOR NIGHT FLIGHT. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, THE PILOT DID NOT RECEIVE A WEATHER BRIEFING PRIOR TO DEPARTING ENID, NOR WAS THERE COMMUNICATIONS EN ROUTE FOR WEATHER INFORMATION. THE WEATHER REPORTED AT PAMPA AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT WAS: INDEFINITE CEILING 200 FT OBSCURED, VISIBILITY TWO MILES, LIGHT SNOW. THE WEATHER CONDITIONS PROGRESSIVELY DETERIORATED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF A MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION OR FAILURE PRIOR TO IMPACT.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. OVERCONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL ABILITY - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - LOW CEILING
6. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
7. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - SNOW
8. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

9. VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - CONTINUED - PILOT IN COMMAND
10. TERRAIN CONDITION - OPEN FIELD

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	27, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	05/27/1981
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	206 hours (Total, all aircraft), 2 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N58947
Model/Series:	182 182	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	18262418
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2950 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	19 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	949 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-470
Registered Owner:	JERRY WAYNE LEMONS	Rated Power:	265 hp
Operator:	JERRY WAYNE LEMONS	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	NWS, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	2050	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility	0 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	17 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	200°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	31° C / 0° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ENID, OK	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1930	Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Report Date:	02/01/1983
Additional Participating Persons:		
Publish 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 pubinquiry@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .	

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