



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	PAMPA, TX	Accident Number:	FTW82FQG14
Date & Time:	02/01/1982, 0000	Registration:	N58947
Aircraft:	CESSNA 182	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

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
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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

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	27
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	None
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	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	JERRY WAYNE LEMONS	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:		Engine Model/Series:	O-470
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	NWS, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	17 knots / , 200°
Temperature:	31 °C	Visibility	0 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	ENID, OK	Destination:	ALBUQUERQUE, NM

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
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Adopted Date:	02/01/1983
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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