



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	ROMEOVILLE, IL	Accident Number:	CHI83LA002
Date & Time:	10/01/1982, 2030 CDT	Registration:	N4434A
Aircraft:	PIPER PA-22	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PILOT FLEW OVER THE AIRPORT AT NIGHT, SAW THE RUNWAY LIGHTS AND ENTERED THE TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR LANDING. ON FINAL APPROACH, HE SAW A ROTATING BEACON AND THOUGHT AN AIRCRAFT WAS HOLDING SHORT OF THE RUNWAY. AS HE CONTINUED ON FINAL, HE SAW THAT THE BEACON WAS ON A VEHICLE. THE PILOT REPORTED THAT HE WAS DISTRACTED AND STARTED TO GO AROUND. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT HE "FLEW DOWN A LITTLE WAY", THEN DECIDED TO LAND. THE PILOT REPORTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT TOUCHED DOWN ON TURF ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY, THEN FLIPPED OVER. THE PLANE CAME TO REST IN A TRENCH THAT RAN PARALLEL AND NEXT TO THE RUNWAY.

Probable Cause

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DARK NIGHT
2. (C) PROPER ALIGNMENT - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIVERTED ATTENTION - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - DITCH

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	42
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	446 hours (Total, all aircraft), 290 hours (Total, this make and model), 243 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 45 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	PIPER	Registration:	N4434A
Model/Series:	PA-22 PA-22	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	RUSSELL A. SPENGER	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:		Engine Model/Series:	O-320
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Night/Dark
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots / , 60°
Temperature:	56° C	Visibility	15 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	SCHAUMBURS, IL (O6C)	Destination:	JAMESTOWN, NY (JHW)

Airport Information

Airport:	ROMEDEVILLE (LOT)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	9	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	3000 ft / 60 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Adopted Date: 10/01/1983

Investigation Docket:

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