



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

<b>Location:</b>	Quartzsite, AZ	<b>Accident Number:</b>	LAX03LA080
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	02/01/2003, 1110 TL	<b>Registration:</b>	N6106V
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Beech S-35	<b>Injuries:</b>	2 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

The airplane collided with a car crossing the runway. After the airplane touched down on the dirt strip, a car pulled out to cross the runway. The pilot attempted to go around but the left main gear hit the car and sheared off. The airplane skidded down the runway and veered off to the left, which resulted in substantial damage to the wing and fuselage. The airstrip was marked with "stop" and "landing area" signs; however, the car did not stop before crossing the airstrip.

## Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:  
The driver of the vehicle did not stop prior to crossing the airstrip as directed by airstrip signage.

## Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ABORTED

### Findings

1. OBJECT - VEHICLE
2. (C) PROCEDURES/DIRECTIVES - NOT COMPLIED WITH - DRIVER OF VEHICLE
3. EVASIVE MANEUVER - ATTEMPTED - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	69
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>	1504 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1402 hours (Total, this make and model), 1504 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Beech	<b>Registration:</b>	N6106V
<b>Model/Series:</b>	S-35	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	Paul E.Thomas	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	Continental
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-550-B4
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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>	KBLH, 397 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	Calm / ,
<b>Temperature:</b>	31 °C	<b>Visibility</b>	10 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Carlsbad, CA (KCRQ)	<b>Destination:</b>	Quartzsite, AZ (PVT)

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	Desert Gardens Airstrip (PVT)	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Dirt
<b>Runway Used:</b>	090	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	2900 ft / 100 ft		

## 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>	33.000000, -114.000000		

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	HOWARD D PLAGENS	<b>Adopted Date:</b>	09/01/2004
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	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 <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> .		

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