



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Minden, NV	Accident Number:	LAX04CA222
Date & Time:	06/02/2004, 0920 PDT	Registration:	N9961G
Aircraft:	Cessna A188A	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

The pilot lost control of the tail wheel equipped airplane while on landing roll and ground looped the airplane. The pilot had no prior experience in the accident airplane make and model, which was a single seat airplane, and was receiving guidance from another pilot via a handheld radio. During the pilot's third landing, he reduced power, the airplane yawed to the left, and ground looped. The pilot reported no anomalies with the airplane that would have led to the accident.

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 landing roll, which resulted in an inadvertent ground loop. A contributing factor was the pilot's lack of experience in the accident airplane.

Findings

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

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) GROUND LOOP/SWERVE - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH AIRCRAFT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: MAIN GEAR COLLAPSED
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	46
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Single-engine; Instrument Airplane
Flight Time:	2700 hours (Total, all aircraft), 1 hours (Total, this make and model), 36 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 13 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N9961G
Model/Series:	A188A	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	David B. Seashore	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-540
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	TVL, 6264 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	14° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Minden, NV (MEV)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Minden-Tahoe (MEV)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	34	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Length/Width:	7400 ft / 100 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:	39.000278, -119.751111		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Nicole L Charnon	Adopted Date:	09/29/2004
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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