



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Okeechobee, FL	Accident Number:	MIA07CA138
Date & Time:	09/01/2007, 0945 EDT	Registration:	N444LT
Aircraft:	Anthony J. Bencivenga Aventura II	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot stated that he departed from the Okeechobee Airport and headed toward the lake to practice touch and go landings on the water. When he arrived at the lake, he turned into the wind, which caused the nose of the airplane to rise. He over corrected, causing the nose to dip sharply. He had his hand on the throttle. The abrupt movement made him apply full throttle and push the flight controls to the left, which made the airplane make a sharp left turn throwing him out the right side of the airplane. The airplane leveled itself off and flew about a mile before it came down and flipped over in the shallow water. A friend, who was flying with him in his own airplane, saw what had happened. The friend called for help and got the attention of a nearby fisherman, who came to his aid and brought him to the shore. The pilot stated that there were no mechanical failures or malfunctions to the airplane or any of its systems prior 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, which resulted in the pilot being inadvertently ejected and the airplane's impact with the water during an uncontrolled descent.

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: APPROACH

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. MANEUVER - ABRUPT - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. MISCELLANEOUS - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

4. TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Sport Pilot	Age:	66
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	140 hours (Total, all aircraft), 140 hours (Total, this make and model), 25 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Anthony J. Bencivenga	Registration:	N444LT
Model/Series:	Aventura II	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Anthony J. Bencivenga	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	912ULS
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots / , 270°
Temperature:	31 °C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Okeechobee, FL (KOB)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	Okeechobee (KOB)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	NA	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Latitude, Longitude:	27.262778, -80.849722		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Jose Obregon	Adopted Date:	03/31/2008
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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