



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location:	Creston, IL	Accident Number:	CHI08CA231
Date & Time:	08/01/2008, 1400 CDT	Registration:	N2936W
Aircraft:	Weatherly 201B	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Analysis

The pilot reported that he departed on an aerial application flight from the south end of a runway that had a hill about midway which blocked the view of the north end of the runway. He cleared for traffic and started his takeoff roll. Approaching the crest of the runway he saw an airplane landing in front of him. He steered his airplane into corn near the runway to avoid the collision.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's selection of the unsuitable terrain next to the runway to avoid the landing traffic. Contributing to the accident was the hill in the middle of the runway that blocked the pilot's view of the other traffic and the high vegetation near the runway.

Findings

Occurrence #1: NEAR COLLISION BETWEEN AIRCRAFT
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF

Findings

1. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - MOUNTAINOUS/HILLY

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ABORTED

Findings

2. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION
3. (C) UNSUITABLE TERRAIN OR TAKEOFF/LANDING/TAXI AREA - SELECTED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial; Flight Engineer	Age:	58, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Single
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With Waivers/Limitations	Last Medical Exam:	03/01/2008
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	05/01/2007
Flight Time:	8051 hours (Total, all aircraft), 356 hours (Total, this make and model), 3451 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Weatherly	Registration:	N2936W
Model/Series:	201B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted	Serial Number:	602
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	Pratt & Whitney
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	R985
Registered Owner:	HENDRICKSON, CHARLES W	Rated Power:	450 hp
Operator:	Robert Hovden	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	HNKG

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:		Observation Time:	
Distance from Accident Site:		Condition of Light:	Day
Direction from Accident Site:		Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility	
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:		Visibility (RVR):	
Altimeter Setting:		Visibility (RVV):	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	CRESTON, IL (IL93)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1400 CDT	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:		IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

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
Total Injuries:	1 None		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Edward F Malinowski	Adopted Date:	08/28/2008
Additional Participating Persons:	Dennis Cmunt; DuPage, IL, FSDO		
Publish Date:			
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