



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Ferriday, LA	Accident Number:	CEN09CA151
Date & Time:	02/01/2009, 1030 CST	Registration:	N3628T
Aircraft:	SCHWEIZER AIRCRAFT CORP G-164B	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Analysis

While on short final, the bi-wing airplane impacted a flock of birds. Bird residue penetrated the windscreen and impacted the pilot in the face. Temporarily blinded, the pilot attempted a go-around maneuver, but the airplane impacted the runway, nosed over, and came to rest in an inverted position. The airplane's fuselage sustained structural damage during the accident.

Flight Events

Approach-VFR pattern final - Birdstrike
Landing - Abnormal runway contact
Landing-landing roll - Nose over/nose down

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
The pilot's loss of control following an impact with birds.

Findings

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-(general)-Not attained/maintained
Environmental issues-Physical environment-Object/animal/substance-Animal(s)/bird(s)-Effect on personnel - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Commercial	Age:	40
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	6624 hours (Total, all aircraft), 635 hours (Total, this make and model), 2860 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	SCHWEIZER AIRCRAFT CORP	Registration:	N3628T
Model/Series:	G-164B	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	DONS AIR SERVICE INC	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:		Engine Model/Series:	R1340 SERIES
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Pilot
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	10 knots, 160°
Temperature:	16° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Haze; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Ferriday, LA (PVT)	Destination:	Ferriday, LA (PVT)

Airport Information

Airport:	Private Airstrip (PVT)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Runway Used:	17	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
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:	None

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Timothy LeBaron	Adopted Date:	06/11/2009
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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