



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Fryeburg, ME	Accident Number:	ERA14LA084
Date & Time:	01/01/2014, 1045 EST	Registration:	N1803X
Aircraft:	BEECH A36	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot's son reported that he saw his father's airplane initiate a slow taxi for departure, drift right off the taxiway, and then come to rest next to a snow bank. The pilot's son found the pilot slumped over the control yoke, and he was subsequently transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. The pilot reported no significant medical history on his medical certificate application, and no health issues were identified during his most recent physical examination. However, the pilot's wife reported that the pilot had a history of heart disease. An autopsy revealed severe coronary artery atherosclerosis, an enlarged heart, and evidence of hypertensive heart disease, and the autopsy report stated that the cause of death was "severe coronary artery atherosclerosis."

Flight Events

Taxi-to runway - Miscellaneous/other

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The pilot's incapacitation due to a cardiac event during taxi.

Findings

Personnel issues-Physical-Impairment/incapacitation-Cardiovascular-Pilot - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	75
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 3940 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3000 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	BEECH	Registration:	N1803X
Model/Series:	A36 UNDESIGNAT	Engines:	Unknown
Operator:	Robert Chiarello	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-550 SERIES
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	IZG, 455 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 5000 ft agl
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	5 knots, Variable
Temperature:	-7°C / -17°C	Visibility:	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Fryeburg, ME (IZG)	Destination:	Linden, NJ (LDJ)

Airport Information

Airport:	EASTERN SLOPES RGNL (IZG)	Runway Surface Type:	N/A
Runway Used:	N/A	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	None
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Stephen R Stein	Adopted Date:	10/27/2014
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=88619		

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