



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Jennings, LA	Accident Number:	CEN17LA001
Date & Time:	10/01/2016, 1400 CDT	Registration:	N157D
Aircraft:	DRAKE KITFOX SPEEDSTER	Injuries:	1 Serious
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On October 1, 2016, at 1400 central daylight time, an experimental light sport, amateur-built Drake Kitfox Speedster, N157D, collided with the terrain following a loss of control after takeoff from the Jennings Airport (3R7), Jennings, Louisiana. The pilot received serious injuries. The airplane was substantially damaged. The aircraft was registered to and operated by the private pilot under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which was not operated on a flight plan. The flight was originating at the time of the accident and the destination is unknown at this time.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	DRAKE	Registration:	N157D
Model/Series:	KITFOX SPEEDSTER	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	Yes		
Operator:	On file	Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	3R7, 23 ft msl	Observation Time:	1355 CDT
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Temperature/Dew Point:	27° C / 13° C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	6 knots, 10°	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.05 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:		Destination:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Pamela S Sullivan

Additional Participating Persons:

Note: The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.