



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	Reeves, LA	Accident Number:	CEN19LA206
Date & Time:	07/04/2019, 1145 CDT	Registration:	N3725V
Aircraft:	Cessna 140	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of engine power (partial)	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On July 4, 2019, about 1145 central daylight time, a Cessna 140 airplane, N3725V, was substantially damaged during a nose-over during a precautionary landing near Reeves, Louisiana. The pilot was not injured. The airplane was registered to and operated by the pilot under the provisions of Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 as a personal flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight, which was not on a flight plan. The flight originated from the De Quincy Industrial Airpark (5R8), De Quincy, Louisiana, about 1120 with St Landry Parish Airport-Ahart Field (OPL), Opelousas, Louisiana, as the planned destination.

The pilot reported that he landed at 5R8 to get fuel and to take a break. He stated that he also filled the engine oil at this time. About 15 minutes after departing 5R8, he noticed that the engine oil pressure reading had dropped to about 0 pounds per square inch (psi) from 30 psi about a minute earlier. Using his electronic flight charts, the pilot determined that the nearest airport was 7 minutes away. Due to the wooded area over which the airplane was flying, the pilot elected to make a precautionary landing to a clearing nearby. During the precautionary landing the airplane's right wing strut struck a fence post, the airplane bounced a few times, and nosed over.

The airplane had substantial damage to the right wing strut, the vertical tail surfaces, and the engine mount. After examining the airplane after the accident the pilot found the oil dipstick loose from its proper location.

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	22, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Without Waivers/Limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	09/25/2018
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	445 hours (Total, all aircraft), 107 hours (Total, this make and model), 420 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 43 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 0 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N3725V
Model/Series:	140 Undesignat	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1948	Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	15002
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	06/17/2019, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1451 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3645 Hours as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	C90-12F
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	90 hp
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	22 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1640 UTC	Direction from Accident Site:	260°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 2700 ft agl	Visibility	
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	160°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.04 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	32° C / 24° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	De Quincy, LA (5R8)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Opelousas, LA (OPL)	Type of Clearance:	Unknown
Departure Time:	1120 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	30.520833, -93.047500

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	John M Brannen
Additional Participating Persons:	William Hardy; FAA - Baton Rouge FSDO; Baton Rouge, LA
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=99770