



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Cedar Key, Florida Accident Number: GAA18CA197

Date & Time: March 14, 2018, 12:00 Local Registration: N1004H

Aircraft: Piper PA28 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Runway excursion **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

According to the operator, the airplane exited the departure end of the runway and collided with a drainage culvert. The pilot later reported that "the wind sock gave faulty information" during landing.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the engine mounts.

The METAR at the nearest airport reported that, about the time of the accident, the wind was from 310° at 5 knots. The pilot landed the airplane on runway 5. The runway length was 2,355 ft. According to the manufacturer's Pilot's Operating Handbook, the normal landing distance is 595 ft.

The operator reported that there were no mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The pilot's unstabilized approach, which resulted in a long landing and subsequent runway overrun.

Findings

Aircraft Landing distance - Capability exceeded

Aircraft Descent/approach/glide path - Not attained/maintained

Environmental issues (general) - Contributed to outcome

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion (Defining event)	
Landing-landing roll	Collision during takeoff/land	

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	22,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-point
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Without waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	September 25, 2017
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	March 10, 2018
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 227 hours (Total, all aircraft), 50 hours (Total, this make and model), 24 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 16 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Piper	Registration:	N1004H
Model/Series:	PA28 151	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1976	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	28-7715301
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2326 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-320
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KCGC,10 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	16:15 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	122°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	310°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.17 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / -2°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Edgewater, FL (X50)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Cedar Key, FL (CDK)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	09:15 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	GEORGE T LEWIS CDK	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	11 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	05	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2355 ft / 100 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	29.134166,-83.050552(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hicks, Michael

Additional Participating Persons: Camanche Cain; FAA; Tampa, FL

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Note: This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to

the NTSB.

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=96971

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