



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Kinsey, Kansas Accident Number: GAA18CA439

Date & Time: July 20, 2018, 15:30 Local Registration: N49YX

Aircraft: WAYNE D. TEEL Waiex Aircraft Damage: Substantial

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

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

According to the pilot, the tailwheel-equipped airplane encountered a strong crosswind gust from the left during the landing roll. The airplane turned left into the wind and then exited the left side of the runway. The airplane collided with cornstalks and came to rest in a drainage culvert.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the right wing spar.

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

An automated weather observation station located about 23 miles from accident site reported, about 26 minutes before the accident, wind from 100° at 16 knots, gusting to 20 knots. The airplane landed on runway 18.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

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

The pilot's failure to maintain directional control during the landing roll in gusting crosswind conditions.

### **Findings**

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

Aircraft Directional control - Not attained/maintained

**Environmental issues** Gusts - Effect on operation

Environmental issues Crosswind - Effect on operation

**Environmental issues** (general) - Contributed to outcome

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## **Factual Information**

## **History of Flight**

Landing	Other weather encounter
Landing	Runway excursion (Defining event)
Landing	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	60,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	4-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 11, 2016
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	December 26, 2016
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 459 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 307 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 26 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	WAYNE D. TEEL	Registration:	N49YX
Model/Series:	Waiex	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	2008	Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental (Special)	Serial Number:	W0049
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 1, 2018 Condition	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1250 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	219 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	VIKING AIRCRAFT ENGINES
ELT:	C91A installed	Engine Model/Series:	HF-110
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	110 Horsepower
Operator:	On file	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:	KLQR,2011 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	23 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	20:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	40°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	16 knots / 20 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	100°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.88 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	36°C / 22°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Kinsey, KS (33K)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Kinsey, KS (33K)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## **Airport Information**

Airport:	Kinsley Muni 33K	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	2171 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
Runway Used:	18	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3290 ft / 56 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:	38.526367,-96.725914(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hicks, Michael

Additional Participating Persons: Joseph Gonsalves; FAA; Wichita, KS

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

the NTSB.

Investigation Docket: <a href="https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=97882">https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=97882</a>

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