



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Sallisaw, Oklahoma Accident Number: GAA18CA485

Date & Time: August 4, 2018, 11:00 Local Registration: N707TM

Aircraft: Cessna 172 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

According to the student pilot, during a solo flight in the traffic pattern, the airplane encountered a wind gust from the left during the landing roll. The airplane exited the left side of the runway and collided with a drainage culvert located about 100 ft east of the runway. The airplane's ground speed at the time of the collision was about 15 mph.

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

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the right-wing spar.

The METAR for the airport reported that, about the time of the accident, the wind was from 150° at 3 knots, and the skies were clear. No gusts were reported.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

The student pilot's loss of directional control during the landing roll.

Findings

Personnel issues	Aircraft control - Student/instructed pilot	
Aircraft	Directional control - Not attained/maintained	
Environmental issues	Airport structure - Contributed to outcome	

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing-landing roll	Other weather encounter		
Landing-landing roll	Loss of control on ground (Defining event)		
Landing-landing roll	Runway excursion		
Landing-landing roll	Collision with terr/obj (non-CFIT)		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	39,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 3 None	Last FAA Medical Exam:	April 17, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	No Last Flight Review or Equivalent:		
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 25 hours (Total, all aircraft), 25 hours (Total, this make and model), 25 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 12 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N707TM
Model/Series:	172 H	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1966	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	17255665
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	July 31, 2018 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2881 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-300
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	145 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:	KJSV,528 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	18:35 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	172°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	150°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30.04 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	33°C / 17°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Fort Smith, AR (FSM)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Sallisaw, OK (JSV)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	10:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	Sallisaw Muni JSV	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	527 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	17	IFR Approach:	Global positioning system;RNAV
Runway Length/Width:	4006 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Touch and go;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:	35.438331,-94.803054(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hicks, Michael

Additional Participating Persons: Renee Almond; FAA; Oklahoma City, OK

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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=98058

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