



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Bumpass, Virginia Accident Number: GAA18CA270

Date & Time: May 9, 2018, 16:30 Local Registration: N334JS

Aircraft: JETSON'S AVIATION LLC AIRCAM Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Aerodynamic stall/spin **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

#### **Analysis**

The pilot of the airplane reported that, during touchdown on a paved runway, the airplane encountered a wind gust and then became airborne. The pilot added full power to go around, but the left wing aerodynamically stalled, and the left float struck the runway, which resulted in a cartwheel.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing.

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

The automated weather observation station, located 11 miles west of the accident airport, reported that, about the time of the accident, the wind was from  $040^{\circ}$  at 7 knots. The airplane landed on runway 8.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

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

The pilot's exceedance of the airplane's critical angle of attack during a go-around.

## Findings

Aircraft	Angle of attack - Capability exceeded

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

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## **Factual Information**

## History of Flight

Landing	Other weather encounter
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Attempted remediation/recovery
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Aerodynamic stall/spin (Defining event)
Takeoff-rejected takeoff	Loss of control on ground

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Private	Age:	60,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land; Multi-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Front
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:	BasicMed	Last FAA Medical Exam:	
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	February 19, 2018
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 2175 hours (Total, all aircraft), 310 hours (Total, this make and model), 2076 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 31 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 19 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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

JETSON'S AVIATION LLC	Registration:	N334JS
AIRCAM NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
2018	Amateur Built:	Yes
Experimental (Special)	Serial Number:	AC232
Amphibian	Seats:	2
March 12, 2018 Condition	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2100 lbs
	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
34.7 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Rotax
C126 installed, activated, aided in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	912ULS
	Rated Power:	100 Horsepower
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:	KLKU,493 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	11 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	20:35 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	284°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	40°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.11 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LOUISA, VA (LKU)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Bumpass, VA (7W4)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:10 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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#### **Airport Information**

Airport:	LAKE ANNA 7W4	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	351 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
Runway Used:	08	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2558 ft / 50 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop:Straight-in

#### **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:	37.965278,-77.748886(est)

#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Benhoff, Kathryn
Additional Participating Persons:	Jay Venable; FAA; Richmond, VA
Original Publish Date:	October 24, 2018
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=97226

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