



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Corona, California Accident Number: GAA18CA342

Date & Time: May 28, 2018, 16:00 Local Registration: N2167D

Aircraft: Beech D35 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Miscellaneous/other **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

The pilot of the retractable-landing-gear airplane reported that, during the landing roll, he reached for the flap switch to retract the flaps, and although the flap and landing gear switches are on the left and right side of the control column, respectively, he inadvertently retracted the landing gear.

The pilot added that he had previously flown other airplanes that had the flap switch on the right side of the control column.

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

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

The pilot's inadvertent landing gear retraction during the landing roll.

Findings

Personnel issues	Incorrect action performance - Pilot	
Aircraft	Gear extension and retract sys - Unintentional use/operation	

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Landing	Miscellaneous/other (Defining event)

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	31,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Lap only
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	December 15, 2017
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	April 16, 2017
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 238.8 hours (Total, all aircraft), 29.7 hours (Total, this make and model), 194.3 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 3.4 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1.6 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 0.5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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Aircraft Make:	Beech	Registration:	N2167D
Model/Series:	D35 NO SERIES	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1953	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal; Utility	Serial Number:	D-3514
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	December 9, 2017 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2840 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	5148.76 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	C91 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	E225-8
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	225 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:	KAJ0,533 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	22:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	281°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	9 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/ None
Wind Direction:	280°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/ N/A
Altimeter Setting:	29.85 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	28°C / 13°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LA VERNE, CA (POC)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Corona, CA (AJO)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	15:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	CORONA MUNI AJO	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	533 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	25	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3200 ft / 60 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	33.897777,-117.600555(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Benhoff, Kathryn

Additional Participating Persons: Maria LeBlanc; FAA; Riverside, CA

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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=97466

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