



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: Charleston, West Virginia Accident Number: CEN23LA343

Date & Time: July 28, 2023, 11:30 Local Registration: N28ZV

Aircraft: Cub Crafters CCX-1865 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Loss of control on ground **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

### **Analysis**

The pilot reported that during the landing roll the airplane veered left, and he was unable to correct before the airplane impacted a tree, which resulted in substantial damage to the right wing. The pilot reported that there were no preaccident 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 failure to maintain direction control during the landing roll.

#### **Findings**

Personnel issues Aircraft control - Pilot

## **Factual Information**

### History of Flight

| 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:              | Commercial; Flight instructor   | Age:                              | 69,Male           |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Airplane Rating(s):       | Single-engine land; Multi-engine land   | Seat Occupied:                    | Front             |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None  | Restraint Used:                   | 4-point           |
| Instrument Rating(s):     | Airplane  | Second Pilot Present:             | No                |
| Instructor Rating(s):     | Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane  | Toxicology Performed:             |                   |
| Medical Certification:    | Class 2 With waivers/limitations  | Last FAA Medical Exam:            | June 1, 2023      |
| Occupational Pilot:       | No  | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | December 12, 2021 |
| Flight Time:              | 14240 hours (Total, all aircraft), 0 hours (Total, this make and model), 13900 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 44 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 15 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft) |                                   |                   |

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

| Aircraft Make:                | Cub Crafters                       | Registration:                     | N28ZV           |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Model/Series:                 | CCX-1865                           | Aircraft Category:                | Airplane        |
| Year of Manufacture:          | 2015                               | Amateur Built:                    | Yes             |
| Airworthiness Certificate:    | Experimental light sport (Special) | Serial Number:                    | CCX-1865-0008   |
| Landing Gear Type:            | Tailwheel                          | Seats:                            | 2               |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | July 19, 2023 Annual               | Certified Max Gross Wt.:          | 1865 lbs        |
| Time Since Last Inspection:   |                                    | Engines:                          | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time:          | 357.39 Hrs as of last inspection   | Engine Manufacturer:              | Lycoming        |
| ELT:                          | Not installed                      | Engine Model/Series:              | CC-340          |
| Registered Owner:             | TRIPLE BEE TRANSPORT LLC           | Rated Power:                      | 180 Horsepower  |
| Operator:                     | On file                            | Operating Certificate(s)<br>Held: | None            |
|                               |                                    |                                   |                 |

### Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

| Conditions at Accident Site:     | Visual (VMC)                     | Condition of Light:                  | Day              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | KCRW,912 ft msl                  | Distance from Accident Site:         | 8 Nautical Miles |
| Observation Time:                | 11:54 Local                      | Direction from Accident Site:        | 69°              |
| <b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>   | Few / 3200 ft AGL                | Visibility                           | 10 miles         |
| Lowest Ceiling:                  | Broken / 25000 ft AGL            | Visibility (RVR):                    |                  |
| Wind Speed/Gusts:                | 6 knots /                        | Turbulence Type<br>Forecast/Actual:  | /                |
| Wind Direction:                  | 250°                             | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | /                |
| Altimeter Setting:               | 30.12 inches Hg                  | Temperature/Dew Point:               | 31°C / 24°C      |
| Precipitation and Obscuration:   | No Obscuration; No Precipitation |                                      |                  |
| Departure Point:                 | Charleston, WV (KCRW)            | Type of Flight Plan Filed:           | None             |
| Destination:                     | Charleston, WV                   | Type of Clearance:                   | VFR              |
| Departure Time:                  | 11:15 Local                      | Type of Airspace:                    | Class G          |
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### **Airport Information**

| Airport:             | Mallory WV12    | Runway Surface Type:             | Asphalt   |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Airport Elevation:   | 880 ft msl      | <b>Runway Surface Condition:</b> | Dry       |
| Runway Used:         | 33              | IFR Approach:                    | None      |
| Runway Length/Width: | 1850 ft / 23 ft | VFR Approach/Landing:            | Full stop |

### Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries:         | 1 None | Aircraft Damage:        | Substantial               |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Passenger<br>Injuries: | 1 None | Aircraft Fire:          | None                      |
| Ground Injuries:       |        | Aircraft Explosion:     | None                      |
| Total Injuries:        | 2 None | Latitude,<br>Longitude: | 38.335198,-81.740077(est) |

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#### **Administrative Information**

| Investigator In Charge (IIC):        | Finne, Andrew  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Additional Participating<br>Persons: | Wilson, David; FAA-FSDO; Cincinnati, OH                |
| Original Publish Date:               | September 28, 2023                                     |
| Last Revision Date:                  |  |
| Investigation Class:                 | Class 4  |
| Note:                                | The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident. |
| Investigation Docket:                | https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=192780          |

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