

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Accident Number: ERA23LA171

Date & Time: March 21, 2023, 15:00 Local Registration: N7772B

Aircraft: Cessna 180 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Ground collision **Injuries:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

Shortly after landing, while taxing to get fuel, the pilot was being guided by a marshaller who was not using correct hand signaling techniques and appeared to wave at the pilot in a "follow me" fashion. As the pilot continued to taxi straight ahead, the marshaller stopped giving hand signals and watched the pilot continuing to taxi straight ahead before executing a sharp right turn directly into a parked airplane. During the turn, the taxiing airplane's left wing impacted the parked airplane's left propeller resulting in substantial damage to the taxiing airplane and minor damage to the parked airplane. The taxiing pilot reported she did not see the other airplane because her attention was focused on the marshaller.

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 an adequate visual lookout during taxi, which resulted in a collision with a parked airplane. Contributing was the marshaller's improper marshalling techniques.

Findings

Personnel issues	Monitoring other aircraft - Pilot
Personnel issues	Monitoring other aircraft - Ground crew

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Factual Information

History of Flight

Taxi-from runway Ground collision (Defining event)
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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial	Age:	80,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	3-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:	September 2, 2022
Occupational Pilot:	No	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	December 24, 2022
Flight Time:	14000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6000 hours (Total, this make and model), 10000 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 80 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N7772B
Model/Series:	180	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1956	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	32420
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	March 7, 2023 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2800 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	10 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6740 Hrs as of last inspection	Engine Manufacturer:	CONT MOTOR
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	0-470 SERIES
Registered Owner:	On file	Rated Power:	230 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:	LUK,475 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	14:53 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	37°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	12 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	210°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.28 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / -7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	LeBannon, OH (I68)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Cincinnati, OH	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:50 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	CINCINNATI MUNI/LUNKEN FLD LUK	Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:	483 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:		IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	39.103333,-84.418611(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Mccarter, Lawrence
Additional Participating Persons:	Karin Hensellek; FAA/FSDO; Cincinnati, OH
Original Publish Date:	June 29, 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=106976

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