

National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Final Report

Location: KAHULUI, HI Accident Number: LAX87LA195

Date & Time: 04/29/1987, 0854 HST Registration: N4588Q

Aircraft: CESSNA 402A Aircraft Damage: Destroyed

Defining Event: Injuries: 1 Serious

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation - Positioning

Analysis

SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF, THE PLT REQD AN 'IMMEDIATE DOWNWIND' TO RTRN TO THE ARPT & WAS CLRD TO LAND. WHEN ASKED IF EQUIP-MENT WAS NEEDED, HE REPLIED, 'NEGATIVE, SIR, A LITTLE MATTER OF FUEL.' A WITNESS SAID THE ACFT APPEARED VERY LOW ON FINAL APCH WITH BOTH PROPS TURNING. THE ACFT CRASH LNDD SHORT OF THE RWY. WENT THRU A PERIMETER FENCE & CAME TO REST ON AN INCLINE ABT 10' SHORT OF THE RWY. THE PLT RCVD A HEAD INJURY & COULDN'T REMEMBER MANY DETAILS OF THE OCCURRENCE. IN AN EARLY INTERVIEW, HE INDCD THERE WAS A PARTIAL PWR LOSS & THE ACFT YAWED, BUT HE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHICH ENG 'CUT OUT FIRST.' LATER, HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL LOSING PWR. SIX GAL OF FUEL WAS FND IN THE L MAIN TANK, ABT 1.5 GAL WAS IN THE R MAIN TANK. THE LEFT FUEL SLCTR WAS FND IN THE 'MAIN' PSN, BUT DUE TO DMG & RESCUE ACTIVITIES, THE PSN OF THE R FUEL SLCTR WAS NOT DETERMINED. BOTH AUX PUMP SWS WERE IN THE 'OFF' PSN. THE L PROP CTL WAS IN THE FEATHER PSN, BUT NEITHER PROP HAD FEATHERED. EACH MAIN TANK HELD 1 GAL OF UNUSABLE FUEL. A TEST OF THE PLT'S BLOOD SHOWED 0.045% ALCOHOL.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - NONMECHANICAL

Phase of Operation: APPROACH

Findings

- 1. (C) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 2. (F) REFUELING NOT PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (F) FLUID, FUEL LOW LEVEL
- 4. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING INITIATED
- 5. (C) FLUID, FUEL STARVATION
- 6. (C) FUEL SUPPLY INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 7. (F) IMPAIRMENT(ALCOHOL) PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

Findings

8. (C) PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER

Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

9. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN

Occurrence #4: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

10. (F) OBJECT - FENCE

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	56, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalw/waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	02/24/1987
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	6650 hours (Total, all aircraft), 6400 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 50 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 17 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N4588Q
Model/Series:	402A 402A	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	402A0088
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	04/23/1987, 100 Hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	6300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	21 Hours	Engines:	2 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520
Registered Owner:	INTER ISLAND AIR, INC.	Rated Power:	300 hp
Operator:	INTER-ISLAND AIR	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand Air Taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	ITIA
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	OGG, 54 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0900 HST	Direction from Accident Site:	20°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Unknown / 2800 ft agl	Visibility	20 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 2800 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	7 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	50°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	(OGG)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	LANAI, HI (LNY)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	0849 HST	Type of Airspace:	Class D; Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	KAHULUI (OGG)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	54 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	2	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	6995 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop; Traffic Pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	THOMAS H WILCOX	Report Date:	05/01/1989
Additional Participating Persons:	JUDITH A ADAMS; HONOLULU, HI STEVEN E DAHLEN; HONOLULU, HI		
Publish Date:			
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