

Inspector Statement

In the year before the accident, the pilot had logged 13.9 hours of flight time, with 7 hours a tailwheel aircraft. The pilot's logbook also stated that he had around 13.5 hours of flight time in the same type of aircraft that was involved in the accident. However, all of this was documented as flying with someone else to get fuel or joy flights and could not be considered training. Most of the pilot's flight time was in aircraft that could be considered to be "Low-Inertia and/or High-Drag" aircraft, which has much different flight characteristics than the accident aircraft. On 9-1-2016, 9-2-2016, and 9-20-2016, the pilot received 3.2 hours of transition training, in preparation of flying an aircraft with the following flight characteristics, "Light Control Forces and/or Rapid Airplane Response " and "High-Inertia and/or Low-Drag."

The transition training consisted of only takeoffs and landings. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A review of the training records and an interview of the flight instructor found that the pilot did not receive training on the stall characteristics, the airplane's slow flight behavior and response to control inputs at slow speeds. There was also no indication or documentation that the pilot had received any ground training, in preparation for operating the accident aircraft.

The flight, with the accident occurred, was observed by a number of people and caught on a security camera. The witnesses and the footage from the security camera showed that during the upwind leg of the flight, the plane had a high nose up attitude and was uncoordinated. The plane then straightened out some and turned crosswind about mid-field. The plane then started a turn to the downwind leg of the pattern. A snapshot of the video showed that the aircraft had a high nose up attitude and was uncoordinated. During the turn the plane appeared to stall and entered a spin. Once the plane entered the spin, the incorrect stall/spin recovery was initiated and the plane increased its spin rate and impacted the ground.

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