
 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: MIA05FA123		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Date: 06/13/2005		Investigated By: NTSB	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		ICAO Report Submitted:	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone
Fort Lauderdale		FL	33309	1550	EDT
Aircraft Information					
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number	
N3906J		Douglas		R4D-8	
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Homebuilt Aircraft? No		
Injury Summary:		Fatal	Serious	3	Minor
				2	None
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:					
<p>On June 13, 2005, about 1550 eastern daylight time, a Douglas R4D-8, N3906J, registered to an individual, and operated by CB Transit Inc, doing business as Air Pony Express Inc, impacted into a residential area during a loss of engine power, shortly after takeoff from the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and a visual flight rules flight plan was filed for the Title 14 CFR Part 135 non-scheduled international cargo flight to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The airline transport-rated pilot, airline transport-rated copilot, and the passenger reported serious injuries. Two persons on the ground reported minor injuries and the airplane was destroyed. The flight was originating at the time.</p> <p>The pilot stated, the ground run-up check prior to takeoff was completed and no discrepancies were noted. The takeoff through the initial climb was unremarkable. At the time to call for gear up, about 400 feet above the ground, he noted a discrepancy with the left engine manifold pressure. As the landing gear was being retracted, he felt a slight hesitation and mild backfire with the left engine. He noted fuel and oil pressure for the left engine was normal. He looked toward the left engine and saw "a lot" of oil coming out of the front of the engine dome, and the engine's cowling was covered with oil. He then saw the left engine manifold pressure and rpm decrease. He called to the copilot to feather the left engine's propeller. The feathering button was activated. The pilot looked toward the left engine to confirm the feathering. The propeller was not feathered and more oil was coming out of the front engine dome area. The throttle and fuel mixture for the left engine were secured and the pilot activated the left engine feathering button again. The propeller never went into the feathered position. By this time the left engine was indicating 400 rpm, and the airplane lost altitude. At that time, the decision was made to put the airplane on the road. The pilot added, about 30 seconds had passed between the time the last attempt to feather the left engine's propeller to the impact on the road.</p> <p>Shortly after the takeoff, the controller at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport tower advised the crew that they observed smoke coming from the left engine. The tower never received an acknowledgement from the crew. Several witnesses on the ground stated they observed smoke coming from the accident airplane, and several cars in a parking lot along the flight path of the accident airplane were found with oil residue on them, shortly after the accident.</p>					
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO CHANGE					

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Other Aircraft Involved		
Registration Number	Aircraft Manufacturer	Model/Series Number

Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed	Accident Occurred During: Takeoff - initial climb
Property Damage:	

Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury
Pilot	On File	On File	Serious
2	On File	On File	Serious
3			
4			
5			
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Operator Information			
Name CB Transit Inc.	Operator Designator Code XCOA	Doing Business As Air Pony Express, Inc.	


Street Address 1630 NW 121 Ave	City Pembroke Pine	State FL	Zip Code 33026
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-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):

Operating Certificate:	Operator Certificate:
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter	
Type of Flight Operations Conducted:	

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed: VFR			
Last Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	
Same as Accident/Incident Location		FXE	
Destination	State	Airport Identifier	
Marsh Harbour		MYAM	

Weather Information			
Investigator's Source:	Facility ID: FXE	Observation Time (Local): 1553	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Scattered		2600 Ft. AGL	
Lowest Ceiling:	Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 29.88 "Hg

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Temperature: 29 °C	Dew Point: 22 °C	Wind Direction: 90	
Wind Speed: 10 Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	

Administration Data

Notification From Atlanta FAA Comm Center	Date 06/13/2005	Local Time
FAA District Office/Coordinator Fort Lauderdale FSDO 17 Stephen Carl	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Jose Obregon	