

		NTSB ID: DFW08RA232		Aircraft Registration Number: N7560Q	
		Occurrence Date: 09/15/2008		Most Critical Injury: Fatal	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: Foreign	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Ojinaga		State	Zip Code	Local Time 1318	Time Zone CDT
Airport Proximity:		Distance From Landing Facility:			
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna		Model/Series 421B		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On September 15, 2008, approximately 1318 central daylight time, a United States registered Cessna 421B, N7560Q, was substantially damaged after it collided with mountainous terrain approximately 28 miles northwest of Ojinaga, Mexico, near the border town of Presidio, Texas. The air transport rated pilot and the three passengers were fatally injured. The airplane was registered to EAC Parts LLC, Springfield, Ohio, and operated by Volare Air Charter, El Paso, Texas. The pilot contacted the Fort Worth Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS), Fort Worth, Texas, at 1016, approximately 15 minutes after he departed El Paso International Airport, El Paso, Texas, and filed a visual flight rules flight plan to Presidio, Texas. The pilot informed an AFSS specialist that he intended to enter Mexican airspace for the purpose of flying over the Luis Leon Dam, but had no intentions of landing in Mexico. The pilot did not request a weather briefing for the flight conducted under 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 135; however, he was informed by the specialist that visual flight rules were not recommended due to mountain obscuration.</p> <p>Onboard the airplane were the pilot, the United States and Mexican Commissioners of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), and the Executive Director for the Rio Grande Council of Governments. The purpose of the flight was to assess Rio Grande flood conditions at Presidio-Ojinaga and to coordinate joint US-Mexican efforts with local officials to address flood control concerns in the area due to heavy inflows to the Rio Grande from reservoirs inside Mexico as a result of recent storms.</p> <p>The airplane wreckage was located on September 17, 2008, by the Marfa Sector of the US Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Division, on the west side of the Sierra Grande Mountains, at an approximate elevation of 6,500 feet mean sea level (msl). The airplane came to rest approximately 100-150 feet below the top of a ridgeline on a heading of 055 degrees along victor-airway V81.</p> <p>A handheld Garmin 496 GPS was removed from the airplane wreckage and sent to the NTSB's Research and Engineering Laboratory, Washington DC, for further examination and download.</p> <p>The investigation is under the jurisdiction and control of the Government of the Republic of Mexico. Any further information may be obtained from:</p> <p>Dirección de Investigación de Incidentes y Accidentes Aviacion Dirección General de Aeronautica Civil (DGAC) Ave. 602 NUM. 161. COL. San Juan de Aragon 3RA Seccion C.P. 15620 Delagacion Benustiano Carranza México, D. F.</p> <p>This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information released by, or obtained from the DGAC of the Republic of Mexico.</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information						
Airport Name		Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Approach/Arrival Flown:						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
Aircraft Information						
Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna		Model/Series 421B		Serial Number		
Airworthiness Certificate(s):						
Landing Gear Type:						
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines:		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:			
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours		Airframe Total Time Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed?/Type	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
Owner/Operator Information						
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator of Aircraft Volare Air Charter		Street Address				
		City El Paso	State TX	Zip Code		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:			
- Type of U.S. 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 Operation Conducted: Non-scheduled; International; Passenger Only						
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First Pilot Information

Name On File	City	State	Date of Birth	Age
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Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?	Certificate Number: On File
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Certificate(s):

Airplane Rating(s):

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:

Instrument Rating(s):

Instructor Rating(s):

Current Biennial Flight Review?

Medical Cert.:	Medical Cert. Status:	Date of Last Medical Exam:
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Instruction Received										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?	Toxicology Performed?	Second Pilot?
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Flight Plan/Itinerary

Type of Flight Plan Filed: VFR

Departure Point El Paso	State TX	Airport Identifier ELP	Departure Time 1000	Time Zone MST
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Destination Presidio	State TX	Airport Identifier TX	
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Type of Clearance:

Type of Airspace:

Weather Information

Source of Wx Information:

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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
MRF	1255		Ft. MSL	NM	Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling: Overcast		6000 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 30.41 "Hg
Temperature: 14 °C	Dew Point: 11 °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Wind Direction: 50		Wind Speed: 11		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.		Visibility (RVV) SM			
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

Accident Information		
Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Aircraft Fire:	Aircraft Explosion

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot	1				1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers	3				3
- TOTAL ABOARD -	4				4
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -	4				4

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Leah D. Yeager

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

Oscar Roos

Dallas/Fort Worth International Field Office