



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	BEMIDGI, MN	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CHI97LA258
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	08/01/1997, 1000 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N40354
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Maule M-4-220C	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	3 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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On August 1, 1997, at approximately 1000 central daylight time (cdt), a Maule M-4-220C, N40354, operated by a private pilot collided with the terrain following a loss of control while landing on runway 25 (5,699' x 150') at the Beltrami County Airport, Bemidji, Minnesota. The personal 14 CFR Part 91 flight was operating in visual meteorological conditions without a flight plan. The airplane was substantially damaged. The pilot and two passengers were not injured. The flight originated from New Richmond, Wisconsin, at 0800 central daylight time.

The pilot reported that everything was normal as he entered the traffic pattern and set up to land. He continued to report, "Flared at correct position, cut throttle glided down runway 25 touchdown normal." The pilot reported that after a ground roll of 100 to 175 feet the airplane "veered to right instantly & ended up on left wingtip with left gear collapsed 1/2 in grass on right side of 25." The pilot reported that he had not used the brakes during the landing roll; however, skid marks from the right main landing gear were visible on the runway.

The accident was not reported to the National Transportation Safety Board until August 14, 1997. Inspection of the brakes failed to reveal any failure/malfunction.

## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	49, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Left
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	06/17/1997
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	479 hours (Total, all aircraft), 434 hours (Total, this make and model)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Maule	Registration:	N40354
Model/Series:	M-4-220C M-4-220C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	2132C
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	07/18/1997, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	6 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1016 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	Franklin
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	6H-350-C1
Registered Owner:	GORDON R. BEHLING	Rated Power:	220 hp
Operator:	GORDON R. BEHLING	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4500 ft agl	Visibility	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	260°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	18° C / 10° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	NEW RICHMOND, WI (RNH)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	VFR
Destination:	(BJI)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0800 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class E

## Airport Information

Airport:	BELTRAMI COUNTY (BJI)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	1390 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	25	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5699 ft / 150 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	2 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	3 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	PAMELA S SULLIVAN
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	BOB MIAZGA; MINNEAPOLIS, MN
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	NTSB accident and incident docket serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .