



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

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<b>Location:</b>	BENTON, TN	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ATL92LA093
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	05/02/1992, 1430 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N17TM
<b>Aircraft:</b>	SCHREDER RS-15	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

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## Pilot Information

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<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial; Private	<b>Age:</b>	41, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine Land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Center
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Glider	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	Yes
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	05/01/1990
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>		<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	438 hours (Total, all aircraft), 130 hours (Total, this make and model), 17 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 9 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	SCHREDER	Registration:	N17TM
Model/Series:	RS-15 RS-15	Aircraft Category:	Glider
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:	Experimental	Serial Number:	1
Landing Gear Type:		Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	03/04/1992, Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	0 Unknown
Airframe Total Time:	603 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:	SMALLEY, JAMES W.	Rated Power:	
Operator:	SMALLEY, JAMES W.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CHA, 682 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	30 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1350 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	75°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 5500 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 17 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	220°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	28° C / 13° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	Class G

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Preston E Hicks

**Additional Participating Persons:** GERALD RAGLAND; NASHVILLE, TN

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