



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	ALABASTER, AL	Accident Number:	ATL85LA265
Date & Time:	09/01/1985, 1400 CDT	Registration:	N7559F
Aircraft:	BELLANCA CHAMPION 7GCAA	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	58, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	01/20/1984
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	872 hours (Total, all aircraft), 135 hours (Total, this make and model), 838 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BELLANCA	Registration:	N7559F
Model/Series:	CHAMPION 7GCAA CHAMPION 7	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Aerobatic	Serial Number:	208-70
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	02/08/1985, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1619 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-A2B
Registered Owner:	BIRMINGHAM SOARING SOCIETY INC	Rated Power:	150 hp
Operator:	BIRMINGHAM SOARING SOCIETY INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

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:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	10 knots / 15 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	32 °C / 21 °C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	MONTEVALLO, AL (29A)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1340 CDT	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:	FLYING X RANCH (29A)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	520 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	1	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	2500 ft / 75 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Full Stop

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	DENNIS D HENDERSON
Additional Participating Persons:	ROBERT LEMASTER; BIRMINGHAM, AL
Investigation Docket:	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 pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .