



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	TULLAHOMA, TN	Accident Number:	ATL84FU006
Date & Time:	07/01/1984, 1845 CDT	Registration:	NONE
Aircraft:	RITZ A	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 103: Ultralight		

Pilot Information

Certificate:		Age:	68, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	Seatbelt
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	Yes
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Expired	Last FAA Medical Exam:	05/04/1977
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	RITZ	Registration:	NONE
Model/Series:	A A	Aircraft Category:	Ultralight
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	Yes
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	NONE
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	ZENOAH
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	250
Registered Owner:	GERALD G. RITZ	Rated Power:	22 hp
Operator:	GERALD G. RITZ	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	BNA, 599 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	50 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	1749 CDT	Direction from Accident Site:	335°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Thin Overcast / 30000 ft agl	Visibility	10 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	10°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	26°C / 16°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

Airport Information

Airport:	TULLAHOMA (THA)	Runway Surface Type:	Concrete
Airport Elevation:	1081 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
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): CHARLES T FOUTS

Additional Participating Persons:

Investigation Docket: NTSB accident and incident dockets 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/>.