



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	COLORADO SPRING, CO	Accident Number:	DEN84LA035
Date & Time:	12/01/1983, 1304 MST	Registration:	N3621B
Aircraft:	SCHWEIZER SGS1-36	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	56, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Single-engine; Glider	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	12/28/1982
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	2539 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5 hours (Total, this make and model), 2358 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 20 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 3 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	SCHWEIZER	Registration:	N3621B
Model/Series:	SGS1-36 SGS1-36	Aircraft Category:	Glider
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	36
Landing Gear Type:		Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	840 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	Unknown
Airframe Total Time:	219 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	
Registered Owner:	FRANCIS E. HARRINGTON, III	Rated Power:	
Operator:	ROGER W. MASON	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:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	15 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	30 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	340°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	7° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1002 MST	Type of Airspace:	Class E

Airport Information

Airport:	BLACK FOREST GLIDER PORT (C026)	Runway Surface Type:	Grass/turf
Airport Elevation:	7180 ft	Runway Surface Condition:	Snow--compacted
Runway Used:	35	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	5200 ft / 20 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic Pattern

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): GREGORY A FEITH

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/>.