



National Transportation Safety Board

Memorandum

Date: July 6, 2009

Subject: ERA09CA327, Starduster Accident, Winchester, Tennessee, June 6, 2009

This memorandum documents information provided by Mr. Kenneth A. Owens. Mr. Owens was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Inspector, at the Nashville FSDO. Mr. Owens was the FAA inspector responsible for the subject accident investigation. During the course of conversations and email correspondences, Mr. Owens provided the Safety Board the following information:

During an interview, the pilot reported that he had taken off from the Murfreesboro airport (MBT) and flew to Tullahoma (THA), where he successfully completed 3 touch-and-go landings. He then flew from Tullahoma to Winchester (BGS) for a fly-in breakfast. After touchdown at BGS, upon applying brake pressure to the pedals, the aircraft veered to the right. The pilot applied full left rudder, but the aircraft continued to the right and off the paved surface of the runway. The airplane's left main landing gear collapsed and the airplane came to rest on the grass area adjacent to the runway.

The pilot further reported that he had bled the brakes a few days prior to the accident due to uneven braking.

Mr. Owens's did not travel to the accident site to examine the wreckage.

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