



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: WINDMILL POINT, Virginia Accident Number: BF090LA007

Date & Time: November 5, 1989, 12:00 Local Registration: N4519L

Aircraft: GULFSTREAM AMERICAN Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** Injuries: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

#### **Probable Cause and Findings**

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER DUE TO OIL STARVATION.

#### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER

Phase of Operation: CRUISE

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Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

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Occurrence #3: DITCHING

Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

## **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Student	Age:	34,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 28, 1988
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	47 hours (Total, all aircraft), 47 hours (Total, this make and model), 10 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 24 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 6 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

### **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	GULFSTREAM AMERICAN	Registration:	N4519L
Model/Series:	AA-5B AA-5B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	AA5B-1054
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	4
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 12, 1989 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2400 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	42 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	2211 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	0-360-A4K
Registered Owner:	BURKHOLDER-BOLLINGER	Rated Power:	180 Horsepower
Operator:	FLYING TIGERS, INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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### **Meteorological Information and Flight Plan**

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	ORF,27 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	45 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	11:50 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	190°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered / 3000 ft AGL	Visibility	7 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	8 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	70°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	18°C / 7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	SALISBURY , MD (SBY)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	ATLANTIC CITY , NJ (ACY )	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	11:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E;Class G

## **Airport Information**

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	0 ft / 0 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Forced landing

## Wreckage and Impact Information

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

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Jones, Dennis

Additional Participating
Persons:

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Last Revision Date:

Investigation Class: Class
Note:

Investigation Docket: https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=11566

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