



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	ALABASTER, Alabama	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ATL85LA265
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	September 1, 1985, 14:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N7559F
<b>Aircraft:</b>	BELLANCA CHAMPION 7GCAA	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Analysis

THE PLT LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF THE ACFT DURING A LANDING. THE ACFT NOSED OVER COMING TO REST INVERTED. THE PLT RELATED THAT A GUST OF WIND CAUSED THE LOSS OF CONTROL.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

### Findings

Occurrence #1: NOSE OVER  
Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

#### Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
2. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Private	<b>Age:</b>	58, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Front
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Glider	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 3 Valid Medical-w/ waivers/lim	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	January 20, 1984
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	No	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	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

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	BELLANCA	<b>Registration:</b>	N7559F
<b>Model/Series:</b>	CHAMPION 7GCAA CHAMPION 7	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Aerobatic	<b>Serial Number:</b>	208-70
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Tailwheel	<b>Seats:</b>	3
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	February 8, 1985 Annual	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1650 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	1619 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Installed, not activated	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	O-320-A2B
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	BIRMINGHAM SOARING SOCIETY INC	<b>Rated Power:</b>	150 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>		<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Visibility</b>	15 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	10 knots / 15 knots	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	180°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	32°C / 21°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	MONTEVALLO , AL (29A )	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	13:40 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>	FLYING X RANCH 29A	<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	Grass/turf
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	520 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Runway Used:</b>	1	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	2500 ft / 75 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	Full stop

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	33.219787,-86.820037(est)

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Henderson, Dennis
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	ROBERT LEMASTER; BIRMINGHAM , AL
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<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	<a href="https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=6867">https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=6867</a>

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