

**AAIB Bulletin No: 9/93**

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Whittaker MW7, G-BTUS

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Rotax 503 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1992

**Date & Time (UTC):** 18 July 1993 at 1015 hrs

**Location:** 6 nm north east of Collingham, Nottinghamshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - Minor                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damaged beyond economic repair

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 58 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 517 hours (of which 14 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 11 hours  
Last 28 days - 4 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries by the AAIB

The pilot was returning to Hucknall after a flight to a private airstrip at Scarle. After approximately 15 minutes flying time the engine stopped ; the aircraft was at 1,400 feet QNH, there was no indication of mechanical failure and the pilot was using carburettor heating. The pilot maintained a gliding attitude, but was unable to find a suitable landing area. At approximately 20 feet agl the aircraft stalled; the right wing dropped and, after contact with the ground, the aircraft ended up on its back. As the pilot suffered a broken ankle, and is currently immobile, he has not been able to investigate the reason for the engine stoppage.