

Statement

At approximately 3:25 pm on November 16, 2016 the nose landing gear on my Rutan Defiant collapsed after the nose wheel touched down on the runway at Morristown Airport. The aircraft came to a stop along the right side of runway 23. I was the only occupant and sustained no injuries. The aircraft suffered damage to the front propeller, the Rhino Rudder (which sits next to the nose wheel) and the bottom of the front cowling.

The Morristown Fire people were able to pick up the nose and the nose gear was extended and the aircraft was taxied back to the hanger using the rear engine.

Signed



John W. Loofbourrow
Owner/builder

November 17, 2016

AIRCRAFT HOURS 1,243.2

NO OF LANDINGS 1,338

PILOT HOURS 5,905.4

PILOT HOURS IN DEFIANT 1,243.2