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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

- (1) Porterfield CP50, G-AFZL
- (2) Piper PA-28-140, G-AVLF

No & Type of Engines:

- (1) 1 Continental A50-5 piston engine
- (2) 1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

- (1) 1939
- (2) 1967

Date and Time (UTC):

4 October 1990 at 1445 hrs

Location:

White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire

Type of Flight:

Private

Persons on Board:

Crew - None Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - N/A Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

- (1) Propeller destroyed, engine cowlings and engine bearer damaged and right wing-tip bent
- (2) Windscreen broken and engine cowlings damaged

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

59 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

174 hours (of which 49 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot of G-AFZL reports that, after a local flight from White Waltham, he taxied to the fuel pumps to refuel. When this was completed he requested the refueller to swing the propeller to re-start the engine. The refueller had little experience in swinging propellers and the pilot decided to do it himself. It took six or seven attempts to start the engine, and it was necessary to put the ignition switches off twice and reset the propeller before trying again. When the engine did start it seemed to take up the normal idle power, however as the pilot walked from the front of the aircraft towards the right wing he reports that the engine power appeared suddenly to increase. He tried to get to the entry door to operate the throttle and in doing so grabbed the right wing strut. This caused the aircraft to turn to the right when it over-rode the wheel chocks and started to move forward. The pilot tried to pull harder on the wing strut but unfortunately he stumbled and fell. The aircraft continued moving forward until it collided with the parked PA 28. Both aircraft were unoccupied.