

Aeronca 11AC, G-IVOR

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeronca 11AC, G-IVOR	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental A65-8F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1940	
Date & Time (UTC):	27 June 2002 at 1330 hrs	
Location:	Roserrow Airstrip, Cornwall	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	47 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	375 hours (of which 145 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 26 hours	
	Last 28 days - 11 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft is a high wing, two seat, tailwheel type. The pilot flew it from Bodmin to Roserrow, a private airstrip, during the morning and carried out an uneventful landing there. He then picked up a passenger and went for a flight in the local area before returning to land at Roserrow. There was no windsock so the pilot assessed the wind direction using visual cues in the area. The approach was made to Runway 09, which is an unlicensed grass strip, 600 metres long, 25 metres wide and with an undulating surface. The landing was carried out at what he reported as a slightly high speed.

During the landing ground roll, the aircraft began to drift to the left. The runway slope was such that the aircraft was now veering downslope and it was also turning into the wind. The pilot was not able to make sufficient correction to keep the aircraft on the runway, but was unconcerned as he thought that he would be able to decelerate clear of the runway, in an area of long grass, before being able to taxi back to the parking area. Unfortunately there was a ditch in the area of long grass

that he had not seen. The aircraft dropped into the ditch and swung round through 180 degrees, damaging the landing gear.