

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna FRA150L Aerobat, G-BCKU	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-240-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1974 (Serial no: 256)	
Date & Time (UTC):	25 November 2013 at 0755 hrs	
Location:	Shaw Fell, Kirkcudbrightshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damaged beyond economic repair	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	458 hours (of which 324 were on type) Last 90 days - 56 hours Last 28 days - 20 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was engaged on a routine flight to check the owner's livestock on his farm. At a height of about 500 ft agl, the engine lost power and the pilot elected to force-land in a plantation of mature Sitka Spruce trees. The aircraft was badly damaged and had come to rest pitched vertically nose-down amongst the trees; however, the pilot was unhurt and described the landing as "comfortable". He was of the opinion that carburettor icing may have been responsible for the engine failure, despite him having taken the normal precautions.