

Aeronca 7AC Champion, G-AJON

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Aeronca 7AC Champion, G-AJON

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental A65 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Date & Time (UTC): 26 June 1999 at 1500 hrs

Location: Oaklands Farm Strip near Stonesfield, Oxon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - Minor - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Windscreen broken and damage to wing struts

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 366 hours (of which 122 were on type)

 Last 90 days - 4 hours

 Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the end of a local flight from Oaklands Farm Strip, the pilot made an approach to Runway 12; this is a grass runway of 400 metres length. The weather was good and the pilot estimated the surface wind as 200°/05 to 12 kt. There are power lines on the approach to Runway 12 positioned approximately 150 metres from the threshold and the pilot had applied some extra power to ensure vertical clearance above the cables. However, he experienced some turbulence and loss of lift in the lee of some farm buildings and, in spite of applying full power, the aircraft struck a cable and the windscreen shattered. The pilot sustained a cut above his eye. This resulted in blood impairing his vision but he was able to carry out a go-around and a successful circuit and landing.