

No. 9/83

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Aircraft type and registration:	Beagle Terrier A61 G—ASKJ (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1963	
Date and time (GMT):	8 May 1983 at 1830 hrs	
Location:	Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — Nil
Injuries:	Crew — Nil	Passengers — Nil
Nature of damage:	Wing strut, propeller and engine damaged on Terrier. Extensive damage to three parked aircraft.	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	25 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	182 hours (of which 23 were on type)	

The pilot of the Beagle Terrier, after having completed his pre-start checks attempted to start the engine. On the first attempt the engine turned but failed to start. Two further attempts were made but each time a "clunk" was heard from the starter relay and the engine failed to turn. As the propeller was not in its normal starting position the pilot shut the aircraft down, released the parking brake and went round to the front to "knock" the propeller back to its normal position. When the propeller was moved the engine started and the rpm built up very quickly. As the aircraft was not chocked and the brakes were off it accelerated forward, spun to the right and struck a Turbulent G—ASSY, a Mew Gull G—AEXF and a Beta G—AWHV. After the accident the magneto switches were found selected OFF and an engineering check of the ignition system did not reveal any fault.