

# EAA Biplane Model P1, G-BRUU

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** EAA Biplane Model P1, G-BRUU

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-A1A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1966

**Date & Time (UTC):** 30 September 2000 at 1400 hrs

**Location:** Sachville Farm Airstrip, Bedford

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to propeller, wheels and fuselage

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 48 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 431 hours (of which 4 were on type)

Last 90 days - 8 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was making an approach to Runway 31 at Sackville Farm, a grass strip 730 metres long by 23 metres wide. The surface wind was calm, with good visibility, scattered cloud at 2,500 feet but with a thunderstorm located some 8 nm distant. The pilot reported that the approach and flare appeared normal but shortly after touchdown the aircraft seemed to hit a rut or bump causing it to bounce and veer to the left towards a hedge and fence. The pilot applied rudder and power in order to avoid the obstructions but was unable to prevent the left side of the aircraft striking a fence post. This yawed the aircraft further to the left and into the hedge. The aircraft came to rest abruptly in a steep nose down attitude but the pilot escaped uninjured.