

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Replica Fokker DR1, G-FOKK	
No & Type of Engines:	1 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2008 (Serial no: PFA 238-14253)	
Date & Time (UTC):	10 June 2013 at 1500 hrs	
Location:	Podington Airstrip, Northamptonshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - NONE
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to wing, fuselage, cowling and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	51 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	476 hours (of which 100 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had landed at the private grass strip earlier in the day in a Tiger Moth in preparation for a later flight, this time in G-FOKK. He was familiar with the strip as he had previously owned an aircraft which he had based there for several years. He had noticed that smoke from a bonfire to the north of the strip was rising almost vertically, indicating little or no wind.

On the later flight in G-FOKK, he made a low pass over the strip to check the ground and weather conditions. He observed that the bonfire smoke was still rising almost

vertically and that trees adjacent to the runway were still. Following a standard left-hand circuit, the approach and touchdown to Runway 26 were uneventful. He closed the throttle and the tail lowered gently to the ground. Shortly afterwards, the aircraft began a turn to the left which the pilot was unable to correct with right rudder. The aircraft collided with a steel gate on the perimeter track and pitched over onto its nose and upper wing. The pilot, who was uninjured, made the aircraft safe before vacating. He later estimated that the wind had been between 5 and 10 kt from the south-west.