ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BOER

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 16 February 2012 at 1755 hrs

Location: Coventry Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Dent in wing leading edge, light damage to wing and

aileron of parked aircraft

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 67 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 218 hours (of which 82 were on type)

Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was taking part in a night flyout event and was taxiing the aircraft prior to takeoff when the accident occurred. It was moving along on a taxiway, past parked aircraft on grass to the left and two parked aircraft on a small hangar apron to the right. One of these, a PA-28, had recently been moved out of the hangar to take part in the flyout, but no-one had yet boarded it.

One of the aircraft parked on the left was further forward than the others, so the pilot steered to the right side of the taxiway to ensure sufficient clearance. In doing so, his aircraft's right wing collided with the left wing of the parked PA-28. It was parked facing the same direction as the taxiing aircraft, with its left wingtip reportedly protruding about 2 ft over the taxiway. The pilot reported that he had been concentrating on avoiding the aircraft to the left and neither he nor his two passengers had seen the wing of the PA-28 before the collision.

BULLETIN CORRECTION

The second aircraft involved was incorrectly identified as being a PA-24 instead of a PA-28. Additionally, the commander held a Private Pilot's Licence as well as

the National Private Pilot's Licence stated. The online version of this report was corrected on 14 June 2012.

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