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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA23-250F Aztec, G-SHIP (light single engined, fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1976

Date and time (GMT): 4 December 1983 at 1350 hrs

Location: Keyston, Cambridgeshire

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – 4

Injuries: Crew – Nil Passengers – Nil

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to left mainplane, flap and landing gear, nosewheel and nosecowlings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 24 years

Commander's total flying experience: 650 hours (of which 20 hours were on type)

The aircraft had landed on a private grass airfield and when a turn was initiated on completion of the landing run, it skidded sideways. The left landing gear slid into a dyke at the end of the runway causing damage to the left mainplane and landing gear. The pilot reported that the grass surface was wet and that the ground beneath was frozen.