

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Fournier RF4D, G-AVNX

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Volkswagen RECTIMO 4AR-1200 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1967

**Date & Time (UTC):** 5 August 1995 at 1310 hrs

**Location:** Madryn Farm, Pwllheli, Gwynedd

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Broken propeller, carburettor, wing panels and ribs and outriggers

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

**Commander's Age:** 56 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 260 hours (of which 24 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 23 hours  
Last 28 days - 13 hours

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

The pilot had planned a five-sector cross-country flight of which this was the third sector; the destination being an airstrip on land owned by him but which he had not operated into before. He had previously cleared and measured the strip but had not equipped it with a windsock. The strip length was 320 metres and the pilot had calculated the required landing distance as 230 metres. At the previous airfield at Lleweni Park, which is approximately 60 miles away, the wind direction was given as northeasterly and this was visually checked by reference to smoke from a crop fire about 10 miles from the destination field. Two trial approaches were made before the aircraft touched down at what appeared to be a satisfactory point in the field, however the aircraft overran into a shallow ditch at the end despite heavy braking. On leaving the cockpit the pilot observed that the surface wind on the field was in fact westerly. It should be noted that this area of North Wales largely consists of hilly terrain.