

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeroprakt A22 Foxbat, G-CWTD	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2004	
Date & Time (UTC):	1 May 2010 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Popham Airfield, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left main gear and nose gear collapsed, damage to propeller, left wing and underside of engine	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	74 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	507 hours (of which 107 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot, photographs of the landing and further enquiries by the AAIB	

The accident occurred on landing on Runway 21 at Popham Airfield following an uneventful flight from Lechlade, Gloucestershire. The weather was fine with good visibility, a 12 mph south-westerly wind and high cloud. An amateur photographer was at Popham and he took a number of still images of the accident sequence. The approach was normal with a gyrocopter landing ahead of the accident aircraft. Just before touchdown the right wing was slightly low. Whilst correcting, the pilot stated that his attention was drawn away from the task of monitoring the aircraft's speed and towards the gyrocopter further down the runway. The left wing

dropped and impacted the ground at about the same time the left gear struck the ground. The aircraft pivoted on the left wingtip and came to rest about 50 yards on from the initial touchdown; the left main gear and the nose gear collapsed. The pilot turned off the ignition and fuel before he and his passenger vacated the aircraft unaided. The pilot thought it likely that the wing drop was associated with stalling the wing. He did not consider there to be any causal factors associated with the aircraft's controls, engine or the proximity of the gyrocopter ahead of him.