

No. 9/83

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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA 18 Super Cub G—APZJ (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1959	
Date and time (GMT):	12 June 1983 at 1705 hrs	
Location:	Bick Marsh Gliding Site, near Evesham	
Type of flight:	Private	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — Nil
Injuries:	Crew — 1 (Minor)	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial damage to aircraft. Damage to crops	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age :	21 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	226 hours (of which 91 were on type)	

After a glider-tow the pilot dropped the tow-rope on the airfield and pulled into a right turn in order to position for landing. The starboard wing then dropped and the aircraft entered a right-hand spin from which it was impossible to recover in the height available. The aircraft struck the ground with its starboard wing first, sustaining major damage, but the pilot escaped through the broken windscreen with only minor cuts and bruises. After the accident the pilot considered that gusty conditions and a wind gradient were contributory factors.