

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Thruster T600N 450, G-CBIP	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Jabiru Aircraft Pty 2200A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 May 2009 at 0830 hrs	
Location:	Popham Airfield, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	'A' frame and fibreglass fairing damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	59 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,161 hours (of which 830 were on type) Last 90 days - 40 hours Last 28 days - 22 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The pilot's attention was distracted by other traffic. During his approach he lost airspeed and made a heavy landing.

History of the flight

The pilot was flying from Deanland Airfield, Sussex, to Popham Airfield, Hampshire, to attend a microlight aircraft show. He joined the circuit pattern for grass Runway 21; the circuit was very busy. The pilot acknowledged that he became preoccupied with the

presence of a lot of other aircraft and was keen to land to get out of the way. On final approach he reduced speed to maintain his separation from an aircraft ahead. The aircraft ahead landed and cleared the runway. The pilot said in his report that it was at this point that he considers he should have gone around, but that he continued to land. He attempted to flare in the normal way but because of his reduced airspeed a heavy landing resulted and the aircraft was damaged. Neither person on board was injured.