

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pietenpol Air Camper, G-RAGS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1994	
Date & Time (UTC):	24 April 2011 at 1745 hrs	
Location:	Shobdon Aerodrome, Herefordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Landing gear, engine cowling and front strut	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	68 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	750 hours (of which 13 were on type) Last 90 days - none Last 28 days - none	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was flown by a pilot with a flying instructor for dual flying experience. The pilot took off from Shobdon, flew to the Clee Hill area and then returned to perform touch-and-go practice. The grass strip adjacent to Runway 09 was being used for this exercise. The wind was reported to be 5 kt to 7 kt from the north with benign weather conditions. At a height of approximately 20 ft after the second touch-and-go, the aircraft veered to the right. The pilot started correcting when the instructor

took control. The aircraft was flown across the asphalt runway to the right and landed on the adjacent grass. The landing gear collapsed on landing, damaging the engine cowling and front strut but no injuries were sustained.

It was reported that a modification had recently been approved to address undercarriage collapse issues but it had not been embodied on this aircraft.