

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-25-260 Pawnee, G-DSGC	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-540-G1A5 piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1969	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	19 March 2011 at 1515 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	North Hill Airfield, Devon	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Right main landing gear strut damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	74 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	461 hours (of which 64 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had just completed his fifth aerotow of the day and was approaching Runway 26 at North Hill Airfield to land. As the pilot flared, he felt the onset of a stall, so he opened the throttle to reduce the aircraft's descent rate. The aircraft landed, bounced and then landed heavily in a wings level attitude. Immediately,

the pilot felt the aircraft drop to the right; it then came to rest in a right-wing low attitude. The pilot exited the aircraft and discovered that the right main landing gear strut was displaced to one side. Despite this, the pilot was able to taxi clear of the landing strip.