

Grumman AA-5, G-BCEE, 16 February 2002

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Grumman AA-5, G-BCEE	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1974	
Date & Time (UTC):	16 February 2002 at 1530 hrs	
Location:	Stapleford Tawney Airfield, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nosewheel, propeller, exhaust, firewall and a radio aerial	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence with IMC and Night Rating	
Commander's Age:	40 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	209 hours (of which 25 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 3 hours	
	Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The approach was to Runway 22L at Stapleford; the surface wind was 060°/7 kt. The pilot reported that, because of the tailwind, the approach speed was too fast and the aircraft floated on landing. As it had still not touched down as it neared the end of the paved area, the pilot decided to go around.

The wheels touched the runway briefly as he applied full power but the aircraft initially yawed to the left, which the pilot corrected. However, when it became evident that the aircraft would not clear some trees ahead, the pilot made a forced landing in the grass field that they bordered. Both occupants were wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.