
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper L4J Cub, G-AKTH
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp A65-8 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1945
Date & Time (UTC):	1 March 2009 at 1610 hrs
Location:	Lains Farm Airstrip, 1 mile south of Thruxton, Hampshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to left wing and propeller
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	44 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,514 hours (of which 24 were on type) Last 90 days - 65 hours Last 28 days - 14 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

The aircraft was taxiing for Runway 26 at Lains Farm Airstrip when it struck a bracing cable attached to a tall electrical power supply pole. This was adjacent to a low hedge forming the boundary to the airstrip. When the pilot saw the cable, he decided he did not have sufficient time to turn right or stop to avoid the impact so, in an attempt to minimise the damage, he turned left and

braked. The left wing struck the cable and the aircraft yawed further left, allowing the propeller to strike the cable; this caused the engine to stop suddenly. Both occupants were uninjured. The pilot reported that he was distracted from maintaining directional control by looking across to the windsock and inside the aircraft to check the instruments.