

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	1) Grumman AA-5 Traveller, G-BASH 2) Cessna 172N Skyhawk, G-BRBI
No & Type of Engines:	1) 1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine 2) 1 Lycoming O-320-H2AD piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1) 1973 (Serial no: AA5-0319) 2) 1978 (Serial no: 172-69613)
Date & Time (UTC):	2 February 2016 at 1540 hrs
Location:	Popham Airfield, Hampshire
Type of Flight:	1) Private 2) N/A
Persons on Board:	1) Crew - 1 Passengers - None 2) Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Injuries:	1) Crew - None Passengers - N/A 2) Crew - N/A Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	1) Propeller and engine shock-loaded 2) Wing
Commander's Licence:	1) Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence 2) N/A
Commander's Age:	1) 62 years 2) N/A
Commander's Flying Experience:	1) 1,074 hours (of which 600 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour 2) N/A hours (of which N/A were on type) Last 90 days - N/A hours Last 28 days - N/A hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reported that he had made a local flight from Popham in order to maintain currency. The wind was from 260° at 18 kt, gusting to 28 kt, and the grass was wet.

After an uneventful landing on Runway 26 the aircraft vacated the runway and became stuck in soft ground. The pilot called on the radio for assistance but, shortly afterwards, found he was able to continue taxiing. After about 50 m he lost control of the aircraft on a slight downslope. It then swung left and collided with the left wing of a stationary aircraft. The aircraft sustained damage to its propeller and the engine was shock-loaded. The other aircraft's left wing was damaged.

The pilot commented that he had underestimated the effect of the wet grass, downslope and gusty tailwind, adding that the cause was pressure he put on himself to maintain currency.