ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Replica Campbell Cricket Cricket, G-BTMP

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 532 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1994 (Serial no: PFA G/03-1226)

Date & Time (UTC): 19 February 2017 at 1600 hrs

Location: Garford Farm Airstrip, Oxfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Rotors bent, right axle broken, nosewheel

bracket broken, top engine mount broken and

nacelle cracked

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 61 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 207 hours (of which 188 were on type)

Last 90 days - 0 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The pilot had not flown for several months and intended to re-familiarise himself by making a short flight along the length of the runway, whilst checking his instruments, and then land. The wind was from the south-south-west at between 5 kt and 10 kt. The pilot initially carried out a short flight along Runway 18, but, due to its relatively short length, he found that it did not provide him with sufficient time to complete the checks that he wanted.

He taxied to Runway 27, which was longer, with the intention of repeating the same short flight. Once airborne, the pilot turned the aircraft to the left and climbed, before then flying a right-hand circuit to land on Runway 27. As he turned onto final approach, the aircraft lost airspeed and height and impacted the ground heavily. It turned onto its side and rotated through 180° before coming to a stop. The pilot suffered minor injuries, but was able to shut down the engine, release himself from his harness and exit the aircraft.

The pilot considered that his lack of recency was a causal factor.

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