No: 12/83 Ref: EW/G83/09/12

Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA-18-150 Super Cub, G-BHGC

(light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1969

Date and time (GMT): 18 September 1983 at 1302 hrs

Location: Shobdon Aerodrome

Type of flight: Glider towing

Persons on board: Crew -- 1 Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage: Substantial - damage to wing root fittings, port wing tip,

propeller, windscreeen and top canopy,

fin and rudder

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 20 years

Commander's total flying experience: 99 hours (of which 21 hours were on type)

The pilot was making his fifth landing of the day on the grass runway 27, and estimated the wind to be coming from a direction of 260° (M) knots. After touch down, the left wing started to rise, and despite the application of left aileron followed by left rudder, the right wing touched the ground. The aircraft ran straight for approximately 20 metres then swung to the right through some 120°, and nosed over onto its back. The aircraft was substantially damaged, but the upper torso restraint held, and the pilot was uninjured. Other witnesses have stated that the wind speed had increased by 10 knots during the short period of time, since the pilot was last airborne, and that it was gusting.