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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA 18 (Cub) G-AYPM (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of manufacture:**

**Date and time (GMT):** 23 November 1983 at 1145 hrs

**Location:** Benington Air Strip, near Stevenage

**Type of flight:** Private

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                  Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — Nil                  Passengers — Nil

**Nature of damage:** Severe damage to starboard wing tip and spar attachment points.  
Substantial damage to engine, propeller, and right main gear leg.

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 27 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 4500 hours (of which 30 were on type)

The pilot was making a practice touch-and-go landing. Immediately after becoming airborne the aircraft's right wing tip struck a farm vehicle parked on the edge of the runway. The pilot was unable to retain directional control and, after cart-wheeling, the aircraft came to rest in an adjacent field.