No: 6/86 Ref: 1b

Aircraft type and registration:

DH82A Tiger Moth G-ANFI

No & Type of Engines:

One De Havilland Gipsy Major piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1941

Date and time (GMT):

29 April 1986 at 1220 hrs

Location:

Staverton Airport, Cheltenham

Type of flight:

C of A Air Test

Persons on board:

Crew — 2

Passengers — None

Iniuries:

Crew - None

Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage:

Right wing forward interplane strut broken

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

48 years

Commander's total

flying experience:

1095 hours (of which 150 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

As the Tiger Moth approached the holding point to runway 27 the pilot released the wing tip ground handling assistant who had been helping him to taxi. Shortly afterwards, a freak gust of wind slewed the aircraft to the left such that it was facing the back of a Cessna 310 parked some 30 yards away.

The ground sloped slightly down towards the Cessna and, despite the pilot's efforts to avoid a collision, the Tiger Moth's right wing struck the outboard trailing edge of the Cessna's left wing. As the pilot had shut down the engine when the accident became inevitable, the Tiger Moth was only travelling at about 2 mph when the collision occurred.