

Statement

Subject: Accident AXH
Date: June 2, 2022
Name Pilot: Frits van Kooperen
Location: Houston Southwest Airport AXH
Aircraft: Cessna 170A
FAA contact: Wilfredo Perez
Email: [REDACTED]

June 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Perez,

On June 2, 2022 undersigned was landing at runway 9 of the Houston Southwest Airport (AXH) in a Cessna 170A with tail number N1396D. The winds reported 010 at 7 knots with thunderstorms in the vicinity. The approach was relatively stable towards the runway despite some significant thermals and downdraft. The left wheel touched the runway first as the airplane was banking slightly left. The initial touchdown on the left wheel can be described as rather rough as result of a downdraft. The airplane bounced and I applied some back pressure to catch the next transition. The moment the left wheel touched the runway for the second time, the airplane aggressively jerked towards the left. I responded by applying right rudder and full power to go around. From that point I am not able to give an accurate description of what happened as I instantly found myself in a rather violent and confusing environment for a couple of seconds. After the airplane came to a stop, I pulled the power back, turned off all switches and ignition and closed the fuel valve. I debarked the airplane through the right door and distanced myself from the airplane.

Sincerely yours,

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F.J. van Kooperen