

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: INVERNESS State: FLORIDA

ZIP: 34452 Country: USA

Latitude: 28.803611 Longitude: -82.3182778

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 05/12/2015 Local Time: 7:40A
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: EDST

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N43715

Manufacturer: TAYLORCRAFT

Model: BC-12D

Serial Number: 7377

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 1200 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1043 lbs

Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

- Standard**
☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility
- Special**
☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport
- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☒ Unknown

Landing Gear

- (Check all that apply)
☐ Retractable
☐ Tricycle ☒ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☒ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours) Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>CONTINENTAL</u>	<u>A-65-8</u>			<u>65</u>	<u>2014.05</u>	<u>214.05</u>
Eng. 2							
Eng. 3							
Eng. 4							

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: _____

Airframe Total Time: _____ hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☒ None
☐ Specify: _____

Propeller 1

- ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: SENSENICH

Model: WT2CK-40

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: AMERI-KING

Model or Part No.: AK-450

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☒ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☒ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☒ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>PAUL E CARPENTER</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		City: <u>INVERNESS</u> State: <u>FLORIDA</u> ZIP: <u>34452</u> Country: <u>US</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		☒ Same Address as Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Operating Certificates Held <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135) ☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136) ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137) ☐ Pilot School (FAR 141) ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) ☐ Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit ☐ Commercial Space Transportation License ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415 ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431 ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435 ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ Public Aircraft <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Armed Forces ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 <i>(Select one for each group)</i> ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International ☐ Passenger ☐ Cargo ☐ Mail Contract Only	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 <i>(Select one)</i> ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test ☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow ☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional ☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use ☐ Business ☒ Personal ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning ☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving ☐ Ferry	
AIRPORT INFORMATION <i>(Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)</i>			
Airport Name: <u>INVERNESS AIRPORT</u> Airport Identifier: <u>INF</u> Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☒ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A		Distance From Airport Center: <u>0</u> sm Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true Airport Elevation: <u>64.6</u> ft. msl	
Runway Information Runway ID: <u>19</u> (L/R/C) Length: <u>5001</u> ft Width: <u>75</u> ft		Condition of Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm ☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy ☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy ☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet ☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown	
Runway/Landing Surface <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water ☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown			
Approach/Departure Segment <i>(Select one)</i>			
☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☒ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around ☐ Initial Climb ☐ ☐ ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown) ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown			
IFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice ☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS ☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Visual ☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Contact ☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Circling ☐ RNAV ☐ ☐ ☐ Unknown		VFR Approach <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☒ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go ☐ Straight-In ☒ Touch and Go ☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing ☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing ☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing ☐ ☐ Unknown	

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Used ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
Crew Name and Address			Seat Occupied		Injury	
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew, continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type		Inflatable Restraints
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Used ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Used ☐ Lap Only ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION				
Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>INF</u> City: <u>INVERNESS, FL</u> State: <u>FLORIDA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>725A</u> Time Zone: <u>EDST</u>	Destination Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Type Flight Plan Filed ☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	
Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA				
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93 Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl				
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☐ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☒ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather		Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>WX AWOS-3 119.975</u> Observation Time: <u>720A</u> Time Zone: <u>EDST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>0</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night			
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl	Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>72</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>66</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.18</u> in. Hg or _____ MB		
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☒ Calm ☐ Light and Variable -or- Speed: _____ kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: <u>NOT AVAILABLE</u> RVV: <u>NOT AVAILABLE</u> miles Density Altitude: <u>776.8</u> ft	
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme	
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: <u>NONE</u>				

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY		
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☒ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown	Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown
Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property <i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i> THE AIRCRAFT STRUCK A TAXIWAY IDENTIFIER SIGN RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO THE LEFT LANDING GEAR, ENGINE COWLING, PROPELLOR, AND RIGHT WING TIP. THE SIGN WAS DESTROYED FROM THE IMPACT.		
NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT <i>(Please type or print in ink)</i>		
Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED sheet #1)		

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)		
Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation My opinion of the cause for this incident is as follows. The steel clips holding the compression springs apparently failed after the tail wheel started a shimmy. I would rate the landing as a normal 3 point full stall landing. I don't know what caused the tire shimmy. I've read a lot of information from the Internet and shimmy is not uncommon in older tailwheel aircraft. I believe a better/stronger attachment between the springs on the tail wheel assembly to the rudder horns would have tolerated the shimmy. Keeping this linkage intact would have prevented loss of directional control.		
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)		
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.) As described above it appears shimmy in the tail wheel assembly caused the spring clips to disengage from the compression springs. Whether the fault was something wrong with the Maule tail wheel or the spring clips that came loose is, in my case, an opinion. I believe both could be improved.		Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION		
Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff (Convert from pounds, as necessary) _____ Gallons	Fuel Type ☐ 80/87 ☒ 100 Low Lead ☐ 100/130 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet A ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Jet B ☐ JP8 ☐ Automotive ☐ Other, specify _____	
Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure		
EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT		
Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Method of Exit - Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location		
OTHER AIRCRAFT - COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)		
Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____		Pilot of Other Aircraft Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

(Please see attached sheet #1)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

05/21/2015
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator:

PAUL E. CARPENTER

Signature:

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report**

Name:

Title:

Signature:

-- or --

☐ Check here to electronically sign this document**FOR NTSB USE ONLY**NTSB Accident/Incident No.
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05/25/2015

Sheet 1

Statement

5-12-2015

My name is Paul Edward Carpenter and this is my recollection of the incident involving N43715, a Taylorcraft BC-12D. I am a Private Pilot flying under Light Sport rules.

I normally fly early this time of the year in Florida due to the hot temperatures later in the day. This particular morning I went to the airport at Inverness, Florida. The time was about 7:20AM when I finally started the aircraft.

After a good preflight, including checking all the tire pressures of the aircraft, I started it up and taxied to the North end of the airport to runway 19 for takeoff.

The wind was calm at this time and remained so until after the incident. I did my final run-up and equipment checks just before taxiing onto runway 19. I departed heading south on Runway 19 and did my first takeoff of the morning. Staying in the pattern I proceeded to go for my first touch and go. The first landing was uneventful and I took off for another touch and go. I normally do a couple touch and goes before breaking off for some sightseeing.

The second landing was also uneventful but I decided to do another before leaving the airport.

The air remained smooth and calm as I was downwind in the pattern for the 3rd touch and go. My final approach was straight and the touchdown was where I planned. No sign of any problems whatsoever at this time.

The touchdown was a reasonably good one with a three point full stall landing. I was in the process of maintaining directional control readying the aircraft for the power up for takeoff portion of the touch and go. The aircraft was in a stable coasting rollout at this time in the center of the runway.

Just before I added power to take off again I felt vibration from the tail wheel. The intensity of the vibration felt and heard increased rapidly. Suddenly the aircraft veered hard left and full right rudder would not stop the aircraft veering off the hard top runway into the grass. The aircraft was directionally uncontrollable and hit a large taxiway identifier marker denoting a taxiway off the main runway. After hitting the identifier marker the aircraft wheeled about and tipped up on its nose.

My first thought was to get out of the aircraft as soon as possible.

After extracting myself from the aircraft and checking myself out I looked back towards the runway to see if any foreign object could have been there. The only thing I noticed was one of the tail wheel springs lay somewhat near where the aircraft had veered to the left. I recovered it so no one could hit it.

[REDACTED]