

James W. Fender Jr.

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Gilbert SC 29054
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My statement regarding the incident that occurred on the evening of 20 July 2017 at SC99 while I was pilot in command of N3154E (1946 Aeronca Chief):

I turned final for runway 09 at Whiteplains Plantation airport (SC99) after completing a normal right traffic pattern for the runway. After making a normal landing, the airplane lurched hard to the left (this is confirmed by a 61-foot skid mark from the center of the runway to the left edge, continuing onto the the grass all the way to the wind sock pole). I tried to correct the hard pull to the left but despite my efforts I could not correct the turn. The airplane continued to the left of the runway until the left wing of the airplane struck the windsock pole. The impact with the pole caused a ground loop to the left which caused the right landing gear to collapse. This is where the airplane came to a stop. I then exited the aircraft.

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Pilot Port # [REDACTED]