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Subject: ERA25LA038, Pilot interview

Contact: John Burke, Pilot

I contacted John Burke by phone to discuss the accident involving N256GD, an amateur built Vans RV6A. He stated that he had gone up for a short personal flight. On his return, he flew a normal pattern and chose to land on Runway 11 instead of runway 29 where he usually lands. He stated that runway 11 has a "swell", or what he calls a "divot" that will bounce you in the air when taking off from runway 29 or when landing on runway 11. He stated that he made a normal touchdown but hit the swell in the runway. The aircraft bounced and when it came back down, the nose gear collapsed, and the prop hit the ground and stopped the engine. He was not injured, and he was the sole person on board.

He stated that prior to the accident there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.