



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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(GAA) General Aviation Accidents

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA019
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N83643; Aeronca 7AC
Accident Location: Garrison, IA
Accident Date: 091800MAR15
Subject: Private Certificate Pilot Mark Noe

Per discussion, Mr. Noe reported an accident involving his Aeronca Champion Airplane on the dirt strip of his father's farm in Garrison, IA. Mr. Noe attempted to land his airplane at the farm, which he has accomplished many times previously. Upon applying breaks during the roll, the left break released but the right break did not. The aircraft veered off the runway to the right where the left wing struck a power line pole. There were no injuries to the two persons on board, being the pilot (Mr. Noe) and his wife. The FAA Inspector's mechanic on scene identified at the time of recovery, finding the break in question released and performed normal operability. However, the mechanic did note an excess of oil on the break which could have been the culprit, giving plausibility to the notion of a stuck break. The airplane sustained substantial damage. The pilot reported no known mechanical malfunctions with the airplane prior to flight.