

Account of Gear up landing in PA28R N834PC on 09/21/16 at 20:30 Local time;

Incident: Landed the retractable landing gear aircraft with landing gear retracted.

Description of what happened: I needed to become night current in anticipation of a night cross country flight the following week with a student. I had done 4 stop and go landings and was intending to terminate the flight on the 5th landing. I normally put the landing gear down on the downwind and then check that the gear is down and locked on short final. This last landing I had intended to do a soft field landing but discovered to my surprise the aircraft scraping on the runway and sliding to a stop.

Probable cause: Maybe distracted by making the intention of the final landing a soft field landing I had broken the routine of the landing procedure.

Possible prevention of a recurrence: It would probably not have occurred if I had taken another night current flight instructor with me but I have routinely logged the night currency time as the sole occupant of the aircraft.

