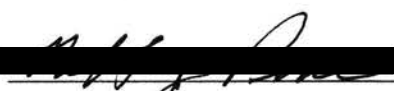


Aviation accident: 12/14/2017 N54873 Cessna 172P

- I decided to show Dick Campbell, pilot, some emergency landing fields in the Lake Amador and Calaveras airport areas.
- We made a low pass at the field on Wagon Wheel Ranch and discovered piles of gravel blocking half of the width of the runway. I decided to attempt a short field landing and planned to taxi back to speak with the property owner.
- I banked the aircraft to the left and the left wing hit a tree. The aircraft swerved to the right, using the right rudder I thought about going around. I decided against it due to trees blocking the runway.
- I shut the engine power off and pulled the mixture out. I put the aircraft into left wing down slip at @ 65 mph, pushed the right rudder and kept the aircraft as level as possible. I planned to impact on the soft dirt, the right hand gear and right wing dug into the dirt and broke up.
- I crawled out the right side and found Dick Campbell. Checked that the fuel, electrical and cooling fan were off.
- Crawled up 125' embankment with broken left wrist and right leg to get help. We were air flighted to Doctor's Medical Center (myself), Memorial Hospital (Dick)


Robert J. Pina

Certificate: 

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