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Date: June 21, 2023
Subject: WPR23LA230, Interview
Contact: Stanton Croft, pilot/owner

The pilot stated that they departed NM69 (Casas Adobes Airpark, Mimbres, New Mexico), and flew to 0E0 (Moriarty Municipal Airport, Moriarty, New Mexico). The flight was about 1-1/2 hours. They departed 0E0 about 3:40 and returned to NM69. He did a low pass over the runway to check the windsock. He noted strong winds from the southwest, but the windsock was stable and not flapping around and decided to land. The pilot stated that he was in the flare, about 50 ft, when the nose pitched up and then slammed to the ground. He believes the airplane was stuck by a gust of wind from the northwest.

The pilot reported no mechanical problems with the airplane.