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Subject: WPR23LA343, Memorandum of Record

Contact: David Bieber pilot

The pilot of the biplane reported that after performing the preflight checklist and runup, he departed from runway 16 and remained in the airport traffic pattern. He conducted a low pass over runway 16, made a left crosswind turn and about 500 ft mean sea level (msl), when the engine began to lose power. The engine did not experience a complete loss of power, but the rpms and airspeed continued to decline. He elected to make an off-airport landing, during the landing roll, the left main landing gear collapsed, and the lower-left wing struck the surface.