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Contact: [REDACTED] Pilot

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by [REDACTED] in a telephone conversation and an email exchange.

The pilot reported that he had been to the accident landing area 1 time, prior to the day of the accident, and landed there twice during that visit. During the accident landing, the pilot estimated that he was going to touch down between 50 to 100 feet beyond the touchdown point of his previous, successful landing and elected to initiate a go around. During the go around, he observed that the airplane was not climbing away from terrain. The main landing gear briefly touched down, followed by the left wing dropping, for unknown reasons. The left wing tip contacted the ground and the airplane turned to the left about 180°. The pilot received treatment at a nearby hospital and was told he had a compression fracture in his spine that would take a few weeks to heal.