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At approximately 11:00 AM on June 8th, 2020 I was the pilot and sole occupant of Vans RV8 serial # 82421 registered as N44LA on a flight from Leesville LA (L39) to Southland in Sulphur, LA (KUXL). The weather was VFR with the automated weather reporting winds from 250 degrees at 9 and gusty. I made a left base to RW15 and rolled out on final with a slight right crab to stay on centerline. On short final I transitioned to a slip into the wind with right aileron and left rudder. I had ample rudder and aileron to stay straight on centerline.

There was a slight bounce as I touched the runway with the right main tire. As the left main tire touched the runway, I felt the left side of the aircraft drop suddenly. I knew it could only be some type of gear failure as it was too much drop for a tire failure.

As the aircraft continued down the runway it began to veer to the left. I applied full right rudder and right brake which kept the aircraft on the runway for several hundred feet. As the aircraft slowed, I could not stop it from going further left. As it reached the grass I expected a ground loop but instead it tipped over forward and came to rest on its back.

Last flight review 6 Aug 2019

Flying time in RV8 98.1 hrs

Last 90 days 48.2

Last 12 months 154.1

Total flying time 7,650

The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

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