

Off the Internet - no names to protect the guilty

I wasn't going to tell anyone about this experience except my wife, but after thinking about it over night decided there's something to be learned and it should be shared with other canard aviators and builders.

I was distracted by a Cessna 150 during an approach yesterday and landed with the nose gear up and locked. Yes, the gear warning system was working. But the audio warning was not heard due to a noise cancel headset and I missed the red light. I also forgot a landing check list with just 3 items on it. So much for attention span.....the Cessna did clear the runway in time.

Lesson learned - install a warning device with an audio input to the interphone system. ACS has 'em on page 417. I'll be ordering one today. Also, when distracted by ANYTHING, a red flag should go up with a self installed head tape that says, "What am I forgetting!" This is especially so when flying around alone without a wife or copilot to keep one out of trouble.

Damage to the airplane was almost a non event. The snubber, which was a St. Louis Blues hockey puck, is gone as is some paint, primer and fill. The snubber will be replaced with something a bit more firm and hopefully not used again.

It's been said "there are those who have and those who will" and after some 400 landings in a LEZ and the Cozy, I move from the later to the former. Say it ain't so, but it is.

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