

WDA Accident/Incident/Hazard Report Form

Classification (Accident/Incident/near misses): Near Miss	
Reported By: : Jeff Lovitt	Date: 1-21-16
Reported To WDA: Board of Directors	Date 1-11-16 (Post-Board Meeting)
<p>Nature of Hazard: I did not directly view this event. It has been described to me by one of the pilots involved. A pilot left his pilots station, walked across the runway at the conclusion of his flight and retrieved his electric powered model. By multiple accounts no audible request to take the runway was heard. While the pilot was retrieving the model, a second pilot flying an electric ducted fan jet was performing a fly by at low altitude (6-10 feet). The path of the aircraft in the fly by and the modeler retrieving his aircraft nearly coincided.</p>	
<p>Initial Actions and/or Recommendations: Pilot of electric ducted fan talked to me about the incident and reported what he saw. He was visibly bothered by the incident. He did have a spotter present. The other pilot left promptly before I could speak to him. It does not appear that he was aware of the potential hazard. There was no spotter for this pilot.</p>	
<p>Recommendations: Pilot of model on runway failed to broadcast his intent to walk onto the runway and failed to utilize a spotter. Pilot of electric ducted fan jet on low pass did not look ahead and abort low pass. Spotter did not look ahead and aid pilot to abort low pass. Pilot of ducted fan jet possibly was over the runway surface for his low pass. Maneuvers should all be performed beyond the black mat runway surface.</p>	
Report Forwarded To the WDA Board of Directors	
Received By: John S. Lett	Date: 2-8-16
<p>Action Taken: Board recommendation is as per the initial recommendation. In addition, one of the club members recommend a designated "air boss" to over-see field safety. The selection of the air boss for the day is by gentlemen's agreement.</p>	
<p>Further Action Required: Visit the WDA web to understand the .requirements of spotters and read the safety link to understand spotter duties. These duties can be found under the Safety link on the WDA web site.</p>	
<p>Comments: None at this time.</p>	
Recommendations Forwarded To the WDA Safety Advisor	
Received By: John S. Lett	Date: 2-8-26
<p>Action Taken or Comments: Add this incident report the safety link on the WDA web site. The incident was discussed at length during the February, 2016 WDA membership monthly meeting.</p>	
<p>Additional Actions or Recommendations (if required):</p>	
Report Forwarded To the WDA club member reporting the hazard	
Received By: Jeff Lovitt	Date: 2-28-16
<p>Action Taken or Comments: See the Safety Advisor and the board of director's comments above.</p>	
Copy to Person who will oversee the correction	

Received By: CDs and any interested parties		Date: 2-28-16
Action Taken or Comments: After adding this incident to the Safety link, ask all the members and event CDs to visit the site.		
Potential Lessons Learned		
The pilot and spotter should read the duties of a spotter which is located on the WDA web site under the safety link.		
Copy to Submitting club member:		Lessons Learned cascaded to WDM by (Initial):
Report Closed by (Initial & Date) 2-28-16		Filed by (Initial & Date) JL 2-28-16

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