

Bell Air RC Flying Club

Spotter/Pilot/Safety Guidelines

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The pilot and spotter should be a team working together for the safety of the pilot, the spotter, the aircraft, and all parties at or near the field. Whereas the pilot has the responsibility of flying his/her aircraft in a safe manner, the spotter has many other responsibilities, which include:

**** The pilot spotter, or just spotter, is a safety person for the relay messages from the flight line and safety personnel to the pilot about landing aircraft, aircraft emergencies, or dead-stick landings by other aircraft on the field, and other information important to the pilot flying the aircraft. The pilot may be concentrating on the aircraft in flight and may not hear or pay attention to background messages on the field.***

- Be the eyes of the pilot away from the aircraft. Watch the flight line and inform your pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the field, obstacles on the ground if the pilot walks around while flying, or other safety issues that your pilot should be aware of.***
- Watch the other aircraft in flight and inform your pilot of aircraft that may cross the flight path of his or her***

aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft in different flight types (3-D aerobatic planes, helicopters, drones and small electric powered airplanes) crossing your pilot's flight path should be reported.

- ***A spotter may also assist the pilot at contests, such as a pattern contest, providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight.***

The ultimate purpose of a pilot spotter is to increase safety for all. So be a good spotter and help keep our field, and pilots, safe.

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