

Bell-Air RC Flyers

AMA CHARTER #654

Spotter/Pilot Safety Guidelines

- The pilot spotter, (spotter) is a safety person whose purpose is to relay information to the pilot flying his plane. The pilot will be concentrating on his aircraft in flight and may not hear or be aware of other situations occurring around the field.
- If more than 3 aircraft are flying, a spotter is required.
- The spotter will be the extra eyes and ears of the pilot. The spotter will watch the flight line and inform the pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the field, obstacles on the ground and any other safety issues that the pilot should be aware of.
- The spotter will watch any other aircraft in flight (including full scale aircraft) and inform the pilot of aircraft that could cross the flight path of his or her aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft with different flight types (3-D aerobatic planes, helicopters, drones) crossing the pilot's flight path should be reported.
- A spotter may also assist the pilot at events, such as a pattern contest, providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight. Or, at pylon races by counting laps and keeping track of cuts and/or missed starts, airplane holder for takeoff and/or hand launcher and help the racing pilot land safely.

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

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