

Experimental N914FM Accident

On the afternoon of Friday, June 5th at approximately 4:45, I witnessed an incident with the experimental aircraft N914FM. What I witnessed was the aircraft perform a landing on the runway at the Eagle County Regional Airport in-route to the Vail Valley Jet Center. I audibly observed Tower call to the aircraft, instructing the aircraft to turn left at B3 and taxi to the Jet Center. I then heard Tower make a couple other attempts to repeat the same instructions to the aircraft to which I heard no reply from the aircraft. The aircraft appeared, to me, to be decelerating enough to perform the left turn. I then observed the aircraft throttle the aircraft up, take off again, perform a very tight and low left turn. The aircraft narrowly, but effectively, maneuvered past several aircraft as well as Hangar 3 before striking the upper- southwest side of Hangar 4 and then falling to the concrete below. I made no further observations after emergency responders arrived on- scene.

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Experimental 914FM plane crash statement

On Friday June 5 at around 4:45pm, an experimental plane was cleared to land at the VVJC. Once the plane was on the ground tower was instructing them to turn right on bravo three to the self-service fuel pump on the north side. Tower had also advised the experimental that if they could not make bravo three, they would send them to the next taxi way to exit the runway. As the experimental was approaching bravo three they appeared to be decreasing in speed so they could make the right at bravo three. Once the aircraft was about twenty yards east of bravo three it sounded like the experimental went into full throttle, and tried to bank out to the left (south, towards the VVJC ramp). At that time a big gust of wind picked up and caught the underside of the aircraft throwing it east down our ramp. The aircraft started in row four and finally came to rest on the west side of hangar four where it impacted. I was only able to have a visual on the aircraft from the time it was on the runway until about row five, then my view was obstructed by hangar two and I lost site of the experimental.