

Report of Aircraft Accident Nov 5 at Eagle Field 09PA

On November 5, 2016 following a winch launch, normal pattern and landing of glider N484KS at Eagle Field, PA the left wing tip of the glider struck a bystander just prior to coming to a stop.

The bystander was taking pictures of the operation using a wide angle lens and had moved onto the runway and into the path of the glider. The whiplash caused by the impact fractured vertebrae in his neck requiring four days of hospitalization.

The injured bystander, Chet Gottfried, is a long-time friend of mine.

The PIC in the front seat was Tom Houseknecht certificate number [REDACTED]. His telephone number is [REDACTED].

The pilot in the rear seat was Karl Striedieck, CFIG certificate number [REDACTED] Telephone number [REDACTED].

Neither of us saw Chet prior to contact and did not know what we hit until we exited the aircraft. There was no damage or mark on the glider from the collision.

The accident was witnessed by Abbie Spackman whose email address is:

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Although there was a sign displayed stating "Caution Aircraft Operations" another sign has been made with the wording "Remain Behind Cones" and during flight operations this will be placed along a line of orange construction zone cones delineating the boundary of the runway.

Karl Striedieck

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