NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

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Cawthra Joshua

From: Bob Swortzel

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:52 AM

To: Cawthra Joshua **Subject:** RV-8 Sport 26

From: Robert Swortzel

Date: October 11,

RV-8 Sport 26

I flew as #7 of 9 racers in the Sunday Medallion Sport Class race. Everything seemed normal as we approached the chute. The air was relatively smooth inside Pvine mountain initially. I occasionally glanced right to see solid formation work by #s 8 and 9, all is well. Passing Pvine the air becomes unstable and somewhat choppy. As we finish the final turn and adjust for the chute I feel an air current push me down just as I roll out abeam race #81. I reduce power, tap right rudder and crack my wings slightly to stop closure on #81. This put me about 5' low and 3-5' forward of race #81. I believe I have about 15' wingtip clearance. I'm ok with this position for the moment. My forward motion has stopped. Slight corrections will bring me perfectly abeam in short order.

From here forward my sense of time is probably off. I have not seen video of the flight. I believe my airspeed is around 150+ kias but I did not reference the Dynon.

After what seems like 5-7" I hear and feel a buzz and thump. At the end of the buzz I believe I lose my right aileron to a full left roll position. My RV rolls uncontrollably left and I see race #81 out of the upper portion of my canopy.

I aggressively pull back on the stick and fly over race #81 to about 110 degrees in a tight barrel roll. At this point I unload, reduce power and attempt to roll out with both aileron and full right rudder. I am unable to move the stick right of center position. I might be inadvertently transmitting as both my hands are on the stick. The left roll stops as the aircraft slows. I repeatedly attempt to force the stick right. I make a call that "I have no more rudder" authority. I believe at this time the rudder may also be damaged as I don't feel what I expect from it.

I hear comm and sense that someone is positioning to chase me. I have no idea what happened to Sport #96 on my right. As my aircraft slows I feel the rudder take affect. With a glimmer of hope I attempt to rudder roll the plane to level the wings. Initially nothing but as I add a little AOA the aircraft rolls very slowly right. I get the wings to about a 30 degree left bank and I consider an infield landing north of runway 8. I am fully cross controlling the plane and am somewhat concerned about an aggressive stall to the left. When the aircraft slows to somewhere below 100 knots I believe, I am able to get the wings level more or less. I add power to hold this attitude.

During the recovery I notice runway 32 ahead and slightly to the right. I make a couple radio calls to ask if it is available. I hear my chase aircraft acknowledge in the affirmative. I ask about race #96 as I don't know his condition but feel we may be flying to the same piece of concrete. I hear that he is not a factor. I am able to move the aircraft slightly right in a forward slip to line up. I believe I have found the sweet spot airspeed that allows me a little excess control beyond just maintaining wings level flight. I know I'm faster than normal landing speed but accept that as I am afraid to slow for fear of loss of control. I believe I touch down rather long on runway 32 about 15 knots fast. I'm able to use forward pressure and rudder the maintain control on the runway. I exit normally at the last intersection. I shut down the aircraft and call my wife. The firefighters are at my side as I stop rolling and offer assistance. They are the best!!!

My thoughts about Sport Class air racers are that we are a safe group of excellent and diverse aviators out to race, have fun and be safe. The excellent reaction of Sport #43 to chase me was extremely helpful. I don't believe any of the racers in medallion fly too aggressively. Sport #96 and I talked before the race about maintaining our lane throughout the chute until 45 degrees past pylon 4 and then melding into the pack most likely in the position we started. We also spoke of the challenges Sport #96 would experience with his faster plane in a dive. I have flown a number of times with #96 and feel comfortable with his abilities.

I believe Sport Class can emphasize a few areas concerning formation in the chute. This is the most challenging phase of flight. We are approaching our max speed and our aircraft are very pitch sensitive. We might want to consider practicing more down the chute line abreast formation. This is challenging flying not duplicated anywhere in aviation that I know of.

From my looking through a "soda straw" perspective, this is what happened. I'm thankful nobody was hurt.

Sincerely, Bob Swortzel

Sent from my iPad