

2015 BLM Airward



AIRWARD CITATION

Dennis Geving

Aviation Mishap Prevention

On 1 July, 2015, J-49 (N49SJ) was delivered from the local contract maintenance facility in Boise, ID and repositioned back to the jump base ramp at NIFC. The aircraft was brought over for unplanned non-critical maintenance on its hydraulic and de-ice systems the night prior, following the securing of jump operations 30 June. On post-taxi inspection while preparing the plane to return to an "IA Ready" status, the spotter (Dennis Geving) discovered a disconnected cannon plug, back in the rear cargo compartment which was leading to a backup power supply (battery) for the aircraft avionics system. Maintenance was dispatched immediately to the ramp, the cannon plug reconnected and the aircraft was returned to service. Following apologies, it was explained why the cannon plug was disconnected. This wasn't debriefed to the pilot on initial delivery which would've directed his attention to check the work completed, not only on the hydraulic and de-ice systems.

Mr. Geving's actions and attention to detail are commendable as this wouldn't have been apparent to the cockpit, until a complete electrical failure had occurred and the backup power supply was needed.

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