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## Finishing up Asphalt Project

Phase II of our project was completed with few surprises. The largest unexpected element was revealed as the old asphalt was removed and the crew “found” approximately 200 tie-down points that had been paved over during previous work on the apron. In a time years ago, the area that we now use as the “hot ramp” used to be several rows of standard tie-downs.

The final coat of paint with the reflective glass beads will be applied on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. At that time a sealer/fill of gooey material will go into each tie-down point to seal the gap between the asphalt and the concrete tie-down point. When that work is completed, the tie-down chains will be re-installed and the area will be back in regular operation.

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## ***FAA Pilot's Meeting on the 20th***

“GA Operations in a Non-Tower Environment” will be the main theme of the pilot’s meeting planned for the large meeting room in the Hubler Terminal from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on September 20th. Presenters will include the FAA Runway Safety Team, Boise Tower, National Weather Service, and local operators. Pilots from Canyon and surrounding counties are invited to this event and “Wings” credit will be available.

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# AWOS

Several fairly intensive service visits have been performed by the FAA maintenance team from Boise. The main function of providing local weather information to pilots via radio has been working fairly reliably.

The news has not been nearly as upbeat regarding the dial-in telephone line. It has, at times, just continuously rung "busy" or like this morning, it answered, but there was only a rumble on the line, no weather.

The problem with the dial-in system has been escalated to the FAA project team that changed out our old AWOS equipment. I'm hopeful that they can sort out a long-term solution.

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## Package Delivery Trucks

During this past month I met with our local UPS manager and route supervisor, and we worked out a plan that will permit the route driver to deliver large packages to the door that works best for the delivery. Sometimes that will be inside the fence and other times walking through from the street-side. I plan to meet with reps from the other companies that regularly have a need to visit our business hangars, and confirm that this policy will work for them as well. The longstanding policy continues that the hangars eligible to receive such packages are those with addresses on Aviation Way, Dishman Place or Dauntless Place.



## Operations Notes:

- ***Silverhawk Fuel Tank***– Crews are almost finished installing a storage tank for Jet-A fuel next to the existing 100LL tank. The new tank will permit Silverhawk to buy fuel in more efficient quantities and better serve the fueling needs of turbine and turbo-prop aircraft.
- ***Walking gate next to Cafe Building***– The lock on the walking gate next to the Airport Café building, which had been a little difficult to operate, has stopped working altogether. A new entry/lock mechanism has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.
- ***Grumman Albatross***– The amphibious aircraft should be on the Hubler Terminal apron for a couple of weeks while scheduled maintenance is completed.



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