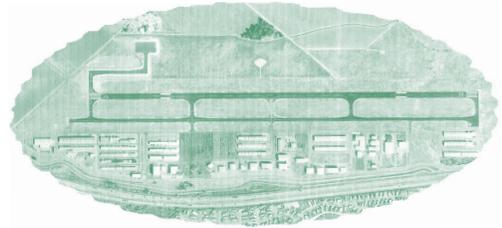


Airport News

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Summer 2012 FAA Project

The FAA Airport Improvement Program grants have been used over the years to purchase additional airport property, build runways and taxiways and to maintain what we've built.

This summer we expect to complete a maintenance project called "Crack Fill & Seal" which will extend the useful life of our taxiways, connectors, taxi lanes and apron areas. This project will not involve Taxiway "A", the runway, their connectors, the brand new taxi lanes near Gate 6 or the taxiway and apron near the Hubler Terminal.

The project will probably be completed in three 4.5-day phases during which the pavement will be 'cleaned', cracks filled, sealant applied, time allowed for it to 'cure', and lines and other markings re-painted. During one of the 4.5-day phases the taxiway or taxi lane in front of every hangar on the field will be closed. More details will be published as plans are completed and time windows finalized.



New Airport Users

The skies over our airport routinely see a wide variety of aircraft. That trend will continue as a group of sailplane pilots is making plans to begin launch and recover operations from Caldwell. You may have seen them operating out of Nampa, but continued construction near the 29 departure end has compromised possible safe landing spots in the event of a climb-out emergency.

The pilots and their ground teams are all experienced aviators and are well versed in runway/taxiway safety and their vehicles will all have amber flashing lights or standard orange and white checkered flags. On return, they will be on the Unicom frequency and will announce their 'arrival' from 10 miles out or more. They will then make every possible effort to sequence themselves in so as to have minimal affect on other pattern traffic. Courtesy and situational awareness will be the order of the day, since most every landing they initiate is to a full stop and a go around is rarely possible...

There will naturally be some adjustments and learning opportunities as our pilots gain first-hand experience sharing our taxiways, runway and sky with the sailplanes and their tow plane.

Insurance Reminder

During our ongoing review of lease issues, we uncovered a potential problem that will affect some hangar owners. Airport hangar leases require that owners maintain a certain amount of insurance coverage and that the "City of Caldwell" be named as an "Additional Insured" for the premises coverage.

If your policy covers your aircraft and, with a rider or similar language, adds hangar coverage, you may not be meeting the lease requirements. Showing the relevant portion of your lease to your insurance agent should permit them to properly advise you.

We don't claim any special knowledge of insurance or proper insurance documents, but we will try our best to make sure that what your agent sends us appears to

meet lease requirements. You, as the owner, remain responsible to be sure your coverage actually does meet the lease requirements.

Police Office

Caldwell Police Department is now using one of the two offices in the Hubler Terminal to permit officers to complete reports in an office environment while remaining nearer their patrol areas. Hopefully, the random appearance of police vehicles in the parking lot during the night will discourage someone from taking another pickup!



Dumpster Incident



There was a fire in the trash dumpster near Gate 3 a couple of weeks ago. Quick action by

Barry E. and Bob H. extinguished the blaze before it got out of control. [Thank You!] Not sure how it started, but it probably had to do with either a smoldering cigarette or a very hot component that was discarded into the dry tinderbox. Hopefully the fire was just a weird bit of randomness.

Please be courteous when using this shared resource. Besides avoiding starting dumpster fires, none of us should need to spend time cleaning up after someone too lazy to put their trash or recycling items into the proper dumpster. It would also be very helpful if cardboard boxes were collapsed before putting them in the recycle bin.

Airport News Notes:

- No new info on the whereabouts of our missing pickup.
- Expect to see new markings in the tie-down area for "Transient" and "Reserved" spaces to make clear where we would like to encourage visitors to 'park.'
- City Council approved the updated Minimum Standards and Rules & Regulations documents! These are available on the airport page of the city website.
- Spring weed spraying has started; please clear any and all obstructions from around hangars.
- The airport Rodenator is now operational and will be working in the non-paved areas from a lighted service truck!