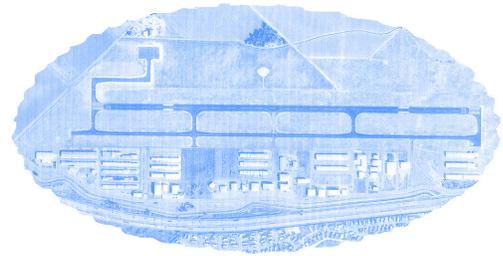


Airport News

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Airport Improvement Project 2013

Caldwell's FAA Airport Improvement Project for 2013 is crack-filling, seal-coating and re-marking of the full-length parallel Taxiway A, our runway and the taxiway and apron by the Hubler Terminal. This will be completed in three phases, similar to last year's project. The planned schedule is:

- Phase 1, June 10-14, part of Taxiway A
- Phase 2, June 17-21, the runway
- Phase 3, June 24-28, the remainder of Taxiway A and Hubler Terminal Apron/Taxiway

Approximately 30 days later there will be a one day runway closure while the final marking paint is applied with glass beads. That date will be announced when it is set.

The schedule is subject to change based on FAA funding and grant delivery timing.

DURING PHASE 2 OUR RUNWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO FIXED-WING TRAFFIC DURING DAYTIME, AND THE AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. Taxiway A will be available during the daytime for fixed-wing aircraft use at pilot's discretion. The runway will be open during Phases 1 & 3, but some "back taxiing" on the runway may be necessary since portions of Taxiway A will be closed.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the pavement we have, extend its useful life and permit less costly and less time-consuming maintenance when it's time to do a more involved overlay process. Our pavement has remained in very good condition because we have followed the recommended preventative maintenance schedule. The last time Caldwell Airport was closed for more than a few hours for runway maintenance was seven years ago!



Parking in Turnaround Areas

Dauntless Place, Dishman Place and the short road into the Shore & Shore Aviation area all end with a "hammerhead" shaped area that's used by fire trucks, garbage trucks and other large vehicles to turn around.

The turnaround areas are now all posted "No Parking" and the Caldwell Police Department will begin ticketing vehicles that are parked in the no parking areas. Businesses near those newly marked no parking areas have been notified of this change.

Security Focus



• Foreign Object Damage Prevention

Aviation is a team activity. As a private pilot you may wear several of the ‘team’ hats: hangar owner; aircraft owner; mechanic/helper; re-fueler; shuttle driver and pilot. FOD is everyone’s responsibility regardless of the hat you wear. We can all work to minimize the number of things being blown about our airport and everyone who drives on the taxi lanes can stay on the pavement to avoid tracking mud and gravel onto the pavement where it can damage taxiing aircraft.

• COM Radios @ EUL

Aviation activities and safety awareness should fly arm-in-arm down the airway (or direct, as the case may be). Standard practice involves seeing and being seen by others and using the self-announce procedures to share your intentions. Naturally that’s more complicated if we have aircraft that are not ‘on-the-air’ on 122.7 MHz. No, a COM radio is not required to use our airport, but why wouldn’t you install and use a radio if you regularly operate at Idaho’s second busiest airport? Proper radio use will go a long way toward minimizing the possibility of uncomfortably close encounters or worse. Every aircraft should have at least one operational COM radio.

• ELT Awareness

Kudos go out to Bob Hinkle for his phone call reporting that he had heard an ELT signal while taxiing on the field. He was right — Jim Shore and I tracked down and silenced an ELT that had been accidentally tripped in a hangar, due to its control head position. This particular signal was difficult to locate since the aircraft was in an all-metal hangar. Please call the Airport Office with any ELT reception reports so we can track them down. Thanks Bob!

Hangar Insurance Address Updates

Private hangar owners – please contact your insurance agent with your new hangar address number (the green and white sign on your hangar) and ask that they include this address number on your insurance certificate that is sent to the Airport Office.

Security Lights

If you have an area light on the outside of your hangar, is it operational at night? In recent months city crews have been repairing many of the common area lights at the airport. If you have an outside light on your hangar, please make sure it’s functional and contributing to a more secure airfield.

Note:

Check out our webpage, using our new, easier to remember domain name: www.caldwellairport.com



Hubler Terminal Utilization

Some visitors wonder if the Hubler Terminal is empty or under utilized. We use the two conference rooms for meetings of airport tenants, the Airport Commission, other city boards and commissions, FAA/ID Div. of Aeronautics pilot meetings, Secret Service/SWAT training, and other non-profit group meetings. Here are the reservation numbers for the past couple of years:

2011.....78 meetings

2012.....73 meetings

So far in 2013.....20 meetings

Outside Storage

Please remember that hangar leases do not permit storage outside the hangar building. Improving weather offers an excellent opportunity to do some “Spring Cleaning” to be sure excess items are removed. Thanks for your help in dealing with items that should not be on our airfield.