



# Airport News

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## FAA to Caldwell: Remain Flexible on AIP Project Timing

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.

Months ago when the political manipulation of the federal budget referred to as 'sequestration' appeared in the news, the FAA announced that Airport Improvement Program funds would not be subject to the mandated 'cuts'. As the sequestration effects began to be felt in the form of tower closures and service reductions at some lower traffic airports, politicians began to be inconvenienced and some of their constituents began to complain. Mental gears turned and, though the exact path is a bit complicated, the net result is that the wall of protection around the AIP funding bucket is being breached.

We are still working toward a three week project starting June 10<sup>th</sup> as previously published, **but the schedule is subject to change based on FAA funding and grant delivery timing.**

And that statement is truer today than when it was written two months ago. We could easily be delayed from one to several weeks, depending on grant funding.

Additional details will be provided via email and our Facebook page as soon as they become available.

## Wildlife Hazard Assessment

We are in the process of advertising for bids for a wildlife hazard assessment for our airport. Over the course of three years the FAA has scheduled such studies at all similar GA airports across the country.

The project should take about 12 months and is funded through the Airport Improvement Program. If

certain conditions are met, then the contractor will be asked to follow up with a Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan. More info will be provided as we get into the project.



## Security Focus

### • Ground Vehicles on Taxiway Alpha

Taxiway Alpha and the Hot Ramp area are both part of our designated "Red Zone" where ground vehicles require Airport Manager approval for anything other than emergency operations. Please help spread the word to any and all others who may have forgotten what they learned during their on-field driving safety briefing.



### • Flight Safety—Checklists

Attention pilots flying with retractable gear. There have been two recent incidents at our field where pilots apparently missed the "Check Gear Down and Locked" checklist item, and it was a very serious oversight. One aircraft slid off the runway, and the other caught fire and was a total loss. Both pilots were uninjured and both aircraft remained upright.

### • Transponder—Mean What You Say

A couple of months ago, after demonstrating transponder settings to a guest, a local pilot took off on a local VMC VFR flight and headed toward Emmett. The fact that they were squawking 7700 caught the attention of the North American Air Defense Identification Zone alert team at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The duty officer called me to try and identify the aircraft and help determine whether or not they should launch the alert fighters to intercept. The aircraft had meanwhile landed at Emmett, taken off again and discovered the problem and was squawking 1200 on their return to Caldwell. That one ended well (without fighters), as did another 7700 departure from Caldwell that was caught quickly by Boise Tower and was resolved while the aircraft was still in the pattern. Take-away: If capable, squawk STANDBY till you're certain you have the correct code set!

### • Spraying & Mowing Season

If you've been flying the past couple of months, you've likely seen our city truck spraying different chemicals on various areas of the field to control weeds or eliminate vegetation. The mowing crews are also beginning a regular rotation to keep our huge 'yard' mowed. They are watching for you; please keep an eye out for them, too.

## Caravan Jump Weekend

Expect to see and hear a Cessna Caravan in the pattern at Caldwell, the weekend of May 10 – 12, carrying parachute jumpers.



### Note:

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[www.caldwellairport.com](http://www.caldwellairport.com)