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To: All Airport Users and Friends

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Spring Cookout for Airport Users: The Taunton Airport Association is sponsoring a **FREE TO EVERYONE Spring Cookout on Sunday, May 15th, 12 noon** at the SRE building. This social get together invitation is extended to all airport users and their families. Tickets are available [needed for food count and door prizes] by calling Dick at 508-823-7233, or at the Linemen's Office, 508-821-5680.

Badge Renewals: Please check your airport ID badge for the expiration date. Many badges are expiring in 2011 and need to be renewed. The renewal is for 3 years and the cost remains at \$25.00. Don't be stuck at the gate!

North Pole Expedition Update: Explorer Art Mortvedt who spoke at KTAN in October, 2009, about his solo flight to the South Pole is now making final preparations for his flight to the North Pole. Art will fly his Cessna 185 equipped with a NASA instrumentation package from his home in the center of Alaska through Canada to the North Pole and return in April, the best month for VFR flight in the Arctic. You can follow Art's preparations, progress and flight path on his website, <http://polarflight90.com/>

SOPP Changes/Additions: Because of recent changes in environmental rules and regulations we have updated our Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs) to reflect these changes. All leaseholders and tenants should review them to be familiar with them. The essence of this information is this: Additions and/or improvements to any structure, facility or conveyance must be in compliance with US EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) as amended under the authority of 40 CFR 122 / 55 FR 48063. Prior to making such improvement the individual or leasee must gain approval from the Taunton Municipal Airport Commission and demonstrate how such improvement complies with federal regulations (details are contained in the airport's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), SOPPs).

Environmental Compliance: In order for us to comply with new environmental requirements our consultants, ASG in the very near future will be visiting with each of our hangar owners/tenants to determine what chemicals [oil, fuel etc.] are within the individual hangars. This information is needed to complete the new compliance applications. Regarding the T-hangars, we will be coordinating with a representative and/or individual hangar occupant to coordinate this effort.