



*"TO PROMOTE AVIATION IN TAUNTON AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES"*

5/4/15 - UPDATE

To: The Taunton Airport Commission

Gentlemen,

We are disappointed to announce that the Taunton Pilot's Association, along with the "Metal Hangar Group", has cancelled its plans to use their east side apron area for the Taunton Pilot's Association cookout scheduled for Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2015. Hangar number 11 was to be the focal point for seating and serving with the apron being used for the cooking area.

However, since our purpose for this event was to create some excitement and good will among the pilot community and showcase Taunton as a pilot friendly airport with lots to offer and it has now become apparent that this will not be the actual result and so we are forced to alter our plans.

The airport commission and management have ruled that our group of pilots should not be allowed to use the hangar or apron areas for this event. They have offered an alternative of bringing pilots to the parking lot. This is not desirable nor will it be an acceptable alternate location.

Since this would be more of an embarrassment and totally not in the spirit of the intended event we will look for alternate airports where the management understands that pilots are aware and capable of following proper protocol and procedures on an airport, including the Airport Operating Area. We do not wish to bring any further negative sentiment to our home airport as the proposed alternative surely would.

The event was to be open to pilots from the Taunton Airport and surrounding airports and would have run from 11:00 AM through 3:00 PM on the 17<sup>th</sup> and be free of charge! That's right, no \$50 hamburger flights, the food was on us!

The Metal Hangar Group insurance policy covers any occurrence on the condo area and meets the coverage required by the commission as well as naming the commission and the City of Taunton as insured parties. A copy of the policy coverage is sent annually to the commission.

We look forward to more fun events in the future, wherever they may be.

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