

News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport – Newport, New Hampshire April 2010

Runway Flooding



Once again, springtime flooding along the Sugar River inundated the south end of the runway. The worst event so far this year covered the south 400 feet under nearly two

feet of water. There is little evidence of riverbank erosion, but sediment and debris covered parts of the runway. The largest object was an old dead tree trunk. That same tree trunk had floated onto the runway in a previous flood last year. Most of the debris was cleared by hand, but the tree trunk was too large to move without equipment. Fortunately, **Jim Callum** still had a snowplow attached to his truck. Thanks to Jim, the tree trunk is now safely off the runway and well above the flood zone.



During that same time, flood debris covered the inlet to the culvert under the runway. The debris has since been removed and the culvert is flowing freely. As always, keep an eye on [NOTAMS](#) for runway conditions.

Approach Obstructions

Although the first phase of tree clearing is complete, obstructions still remain on the approach to runway 18. Trees have been removed from the first 1,000 feet north of the runway. The second phase of tree removal, extending an additional 1,600 feet north along the center line, should be completed no later than

September 2010. Until the second phase is complete, trees on the approach to runway 18 still exceed the standard 20:1 approach slope surface and continue to pose a hazard. Pilots should use caution and remain vigilant in avoiding obstructions.

Noise Abatement

In exchange for obstruction removal at the approach end of runway 18, the airport adopted a noise abatement procedure. Please avoid overflight of the yellow buildings 3,000 feet northwest of the airport. Departing runway 36, fly runway heading to 2000 MSL, at least 1 nautical mile beyond the departure end of the runway before turning left. A [graphical depiction](#) is available on the airport [website](#).

National Weather Service Station

The National Weather Service is installing an observation station in the field east of the approach end to runway 36.

When complete, the station will be a self-contained, solar powered unit that records wind speed and direction, temperature, and rainfall. The station is not an aviation weather station and although the information will be available on the web, it is not directly available to pilots for aeronautical purposes.



Aircraft Registration

Under New Hampshire law (RSA 422:36), the state returns one quarter of aircraft operating fees to airports. When you register your aircraft, please be sure to indicate Parlin Field as your home base, so we can receive our share of the fees. For more information visit the Bureau of Aeronautics [website](#).

Destinations – Sanford & the Beach

Sanford, Maine (KSFM). Many local pilots are familiar with Sanford as a destination for weekday lunch (they close at noon on Sat and Sun), but thanks to **Brax Freeman**, we also know that the reasonably priced Sanford Ocean Shuttle runs from the airport to Wells Beach six times a day. Call the Cockpit Cafe at 207-324-7332 for restaurant hours, and visit the Shuttle [website](http://www.shorelineexplorer.com/) for fares and schedules (<http://www.shorelineexplorer.com/>).

Upcoming Events

- Apr 10** Northeast Pilot Group at Parlin Field.
- Apr 11** Appalachian Mountain Club canoe event at the picnic area by the covered bridge, approach end of runway 12 – no significant impact on airport operations.
- Apr 15** Airport Advisory Board. Operations Building, 6:30 PM.
- Apr 22** Bureau of Aeronautics visit to Parlin Field. Operations Building, 10:00 AM.
- Apr 24** First Responder Training. Recycled Pilots Hangar, 9:00 AM. Breakfast at 8:00 AM.
- May 8** 5K Road Race event at the picnic area by the covered bridge, approach end of runway 12 –

no significant impact on airport operations.

- May ?** Helicopter Familiarization and Operations at Non-Towered airports (tentative, date/time to be determined).
- Jun ?** Pilots' Guide to WAAS and IFR Operations (tentative, date/time to be determined)
- Jul 10** Comanche Fly-In. Rain date Jul 11.
- Jul 17** Taildragger Fly-In. Rain date Jul 18.
- Aug 7** Light Sport Fly-In. Rain date Aug 8.

About Parlin Field

The Parlin Field airport is owned and operated by the Town of Newport, New Hampshire. It is a community airport that serves the entire Lake Sunapee Region. The airport enjoys support from pilots, tenants, stakeholders, and the community at large. It does not receive Federal funds.

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