

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport in Newport, New Hampshire April 2011

### Good Weather Returns



*Ken Uzdanovich, Steve Touchette, and Rick Kloeppel greet visitors*

It was a long, cold, and snowy winter, but Spring has finally returned to Parlin Field. The weekend of April 9 dawned with clear skies, light winds and warming temperatures, a perfect combination for pilots, passengers, and

visitors alike. Longtime friends and supporters of Parlin Field greeted the many visitors who flew in for fuel and/or lunch at the Red Baron restaurant and stayed for the camaraderie. Thanks for stopping by and we hope to see you again soon!

### Busy Summer Schedule

The summer season promises to be busy at Parlin Field with on-airport events and construction activities scheduled throughout the summer.

If everything works as planned, the main runway will be paved during July. We intend to reduce impacts on airport operations as much as possible, but runway 18/36 will be closed occasionally while construction is underway. With any luck, the turf runway 12/30 will remain open throughout the summer. Pilots should check [NOTAMS](#) for the latest information.

To preserve new pavement on the main runway, the annual *Run What Ya' Brung* radar run benefiting the Newport Ambulance Association, normally held in September, will be held prior to July 1. A date for this event has not been established.

Other activities will continue as scheduled. The Sunshine 5K Run and Sugar River Raft Race, both held in May, will occupy the turf runway area adjacent to the Covered Bridge. The EAA Chapter 740 Taildragger Fly-In will be held in July and Airport Open House will be held in August. Visit the Parlin

Field website for up-to-date information.

### Sticker Shock at the Fuel Pump

Unless something dramatic happens soon, pilots can expect a huge increase in fuel prices this summer. Since the last fuel purchase in September, bulk fuel delivered to Parlin Field has gone up about \$1.30 per gallon and continues to climb! The pricing history in recent months certainly appears to be anomalous, but who knows where it will go from here? Regardless of what happens, Parlin Field will continue to provide the best possible retail price consistent with good business practices.

### Springtime Refresher

First of all, please remember Parlin Field has a noise abatement procedure designed to avoid the large yellow estate buildings located about 3,000 feet northwest of the airport. Departing runway 36, fly runway heading to 2,000 MSL at least 1 mile beyond the end of the runway before turning left; right turns preferred for east and southbound departures. Flying a wider downwind easily avoids the noise sensitive area. Second, some pilots tend to fly a close-in downwind, perhaps to maintain visual contact with the runway which is partially hidden behind trees when flying a normal downwind. The close-in downwind results in a short and close-in base leg. Consequently, pilots find themselves too high when turning from base to final, and tend to dive for the runway. You can see the problem – high and fast on final, too much airspeed in the flare, and a long float down the runway. Prudence dictates that if you don't put the wheels on the first 1/3 of the runway, go around and set up a better approach. Finally, the entire length of the runway is available for takeoff. We occasionally see pilots who are confused by the displaced threshold on runway 18 and begin their takeoff roll at the displaced threshold, thus giving up 700 feet of available runway. The displaced threshold assures obstruction clearance on the 20:1 approach slope. The white arrows indicate that the runway pavement prior to the displaced threshold is

available for takeoff (see [AIM 2-3-3\(h\)\(2\)](#)).

## Hangar Restoration Project

After a long winter with other projects, our hangar guru, **Jim Callum**, is again thinking about hangar restoration tasks. Jim was at Sun 'n Fun visiting all the hangar door manufacturers and discovered that Hydroswing was not delivering product and would soon be out of business. We had been looking at Hydroswing as a primary supplier for the one-piece hydraulically-operated hangar door. Fortunately, other manufacturers are available to fill the void and we expect to work on the hangar door when Jim returns. Installing the door will be this year's major task on the hangar restoration project. After the door is complete, other work still remains to be done. New roofing tin is required along the roof centerline, personnel doors need to be installed and windows need to be refurbished. Stay tuned for updates.

## Local Pilot earns Helicopter Rating

**John Merriman**, long time pilot and flight instructor at Parlin Field, passed his helicopter checkride on April 9, 2011 in Nashua, New Hampshire. After a winter-long effort, John added the helicopter rating to his long list of aeronautical accomplishments.

## Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at [www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228](http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228)

- Apr 19** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 pm, Operations Building.
- Apr 20** Chill and Grill, 6:00 pm, Hangar D-1 or Little Red Baron.
- May 7** Sunshine 5K Race at the Covered Bridge. Turf Runway 12/30 Closed for the event.

- May 17** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- May 21** Sugar River Raft Race at the Covered Bridge. Check [NOTAMs](#).
- Jun ?** Annual *Run What Ya' Brung* event at Parlin Field (tentative)
- Jul 9** EAA Chapter 740 & Taildragger Fly-In, plus FAA Safety Seminar
- Jul ?** Runway 18/36 Paving Project (tentative). Check [NOTAMs](#) for status and closure information.
- Aug 20** Parlin Field Airport Open House. Young Eagle and Charity flights.

## 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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