

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport, Newport, New Hampshire August 2009

### World Record Around-the-World Flight

CarolAnn Garratt described her world record adventure to a small crowd at Parlin Field on Saturday evening, July 11. CarolAnn and her copilot Carol Foy, flew N220FC, a 1993



Mooney around the world in 8 days, smashing the old record. She tells her story in the book *Upon Silver Wings II*. All proceeds from the sale of her book benefit ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease research.

### Tail Dragger Fly-In and EAA BBQ



The July 18 event was postponed until Sunday July 19, but delay didn't dampen spirits of the enthusiastic crowd who attended the Fly-In. About 42 airplanes arrived

at Parlin Field, 38 pilots attended the FAA Safety Team seminar "Can your Airplane Really Perform?" and more than 70 people enjoyed the EAA Chapter 740 BBQ at noon. During the event, the runways were marked with distance markers every 200 feet, so that pilots could compare calculated takeoff and landing distances with actual performance.

### Volunteers Mow Entire Airport

**Jim Callum, Terry Callum and Rick Kloeppe** used their own equipment to mow tie-down and runway safety areas in anticipation of the July fly-in event. With all the help available, including the Town's equipment, we mowed the entire airport, including the turf runway, in about 6 hours. Mowing is an on-going

task during the summer months, requiring considerable effort every couple of weeks. **Guy Alexander, Harold Yanofsky, and Rocky Cusanelli** mowed several areas during the past few days. Mowing equipment yields to arriving and departing aircraft, and people who are mowing monitor the local frequency on portable radios. The airport has a hand-held radio with headset adapter available for volunteers' use.

### Comanche Fly-In

The Northeast Tribe flocked to Parlin Field on July 11 for a low-key event. Pete Morse (left in photo), a regular visitor to Parlin Field, coordinated the fly-in.



Comanche pilots have gathered at Parlin Field for several years, sometimes with a significant number of the venerable airplanes.

### Volunteers Repair RW36 Run-up Pad

Runway repair was another volunteer effort in July. **Jim Callum and Harold Yanofsky** shimmed pavement edges on the south end of the runway in the vicinity of the culvert repair. With help from **Steve Dube** and the **town crew**, they also cut out unusable pavement from the runway 36 run-up pad, then graded and repaved two sections of the pad, thus eliminating potentially hazardous mounds, dips, and runway edge drop-offs.

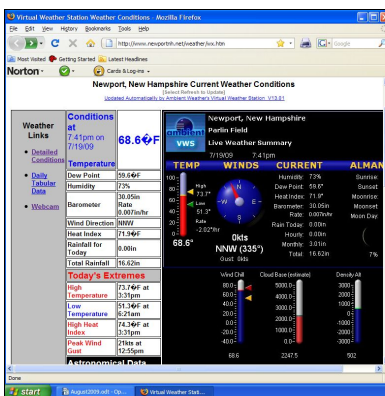
### New Lock on Operations Building

Thanks to a local donor, the operations building has a new push-button lock, providing access for pilots any time of day or night. During normal day-time hours, the lock is set to stay open and no code is required to enter. Simply turn the door knob and open the door. After-hours, however, pilots must enter the local

UNICOM/CTAF frequency on the keypad and press the unlock button to release the lock. You should hear the unit unlock. Open and close the door normally. The unit automatically locks again in 10 seconds.

## Parlin Field Online Weather and Webcam

Parlin Field weather is available on the web at <http://www.newportnh.net/weather/wx.htm>. The webpage updates every ten minutes. The page provides unofficial weather, but it gives a good indication of conditions at the airport. Click on the Webcam link (left side of page) to see a view of the ramp and western horizon. The system isn't perfect and sometimes hangs until it is rebooted, so be sure to check the date and time stamps on the page.



## Community Hangar Restoration



The community hangar, a landmark structure at Parlin Field, was built in 1929. This year marks its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the years, the hangar has served well, but needs

significant restoration work to maintain its structural integrity and preserve its iconic status. Several people with an interest in the hangar are committed to the project and the Town of Newport created a special fund to accept donations for hangar restoration. Contact the airport manager for more details.

## Site Work Begins on Lease Area B

Crews started moving earth on Thursday, July 23, for a new hangar on Lease Area B, behind the Lil' Red Baron. The contractor used excess soil material from the site to fill areas adjacent to runway 18/36, near the southern 1/3 of the runway. Previously, these areas failed to meet requirements for a smoothly graded runway safety area. Over the past few years, fill had been placed in these areas, but it was inadequate to satisfy the safety requirements. With this current activity, plus some final grading and seeding, we

should have an adequate runway safety area along the sides of runway 18/36.

## Medical Airlift – A Frequent Event

Parlin Field provides essential landing facilities for emergency medical airlift services. The DHART helicopter visited Parlin Field three times during one week in July, including the evening pictured at right.



## Upcoming Events

- Aug 5** Grilling & Chilling hosted by Recycled Pilots, LLC. 6:00 PM. Bring your own food, they provide the grill.
- Aug 18** Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM, Operations Building (open to anyone with an interest in Parlin Field)
- Aug 19** Grilling & Chilling hosted by Recycled Pilots, LLC. 6:00 PM. Bring your own food, they provide the grill.
- Aug 22** Parlin Field Open House. Young Eagle flights, antique car show.
- Sept 12** Airport Closed for the *Run What You Brung* community fund-raiser event (check NOTAMs)

## About Parlin Field

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

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