

News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport in Newport, New Hampshire August 2012

Airport Open House Successful

In spite of overcast skies and rain later in the day, more than 200 people attended the 12th Annual Airport Open House on Saturday, August 11. Local Boy Scout Troop 316 served breakfast to about 130 people between 8:00 and 10:00 am. At 9:30 am, Beverly Rodeschin, representing the Newport Board of Selectmen, read a proclamation related to the historic hangar at Parlin Field. Throughout the morning and early afternoon, pilots from EAA Chapter 740 flew 39 Young Eagles ages 8 to 17 from Parlin Field to the wind turbines on Lempster Mountain, over Lake Sunapee, and back to Parlin Field. The Open House is an opportunity for local people to walk around the airport, ask questions, and learn more about airport operations, finances, and community activities.



Community Hangar Proclamation



Terry Callum (left) and Jim Callum (right)

At 9:30 am on Saturday, August 11, under cloudy skies with over 100 people in attendance, Beverly Rodeschin, representing the Town of Newport and the Board of Selectmen, proclaimed the historic hangar at Parlin Field be known as the “**Callum Community Hangar**”

in recognition of three generations of Callums who built, maintained, and improved the hangar over the past 83 years. **Terry E. and James M. Callum** accepted the plaque honoring their family including

grandfather George, father John, and uncles Cecil and Andrew. Local pilots and frequent visitors know that Jim and Terry are often at the airport assisting with various tasks and quietly “doing what needs to be done.” Hangar tenants certainly appreciate all their work on the old hangar which is now clean, safe, and secure. The entire aviation community extends thanks and congratulations to the Callum family for their dedication and service to Parlin Field.

Runway Lights Relocated

The last day of July was clear, hot, and lots of work as volunteers **Rick Kloeppel, John Merriman, Terry and Jim Callum**, plus intern **Silas Eldredge** relocated runway lights at the approach end of runway 18.



The threshold lights were relocated to coincide with the displaced threshold which was moved last year following tree removal north of the airport. The new lights provide better clearance for the turf runway, standard spacing at the approach end of 18, and increased obstacle-free distances on the turf either side of the paved runway 18/36. The lights were fully functional and back in service on August 1 after two days of work.



Airport Manager Retires

Russ Kelsea, airport manager at Parlin Field for the past three years, will retire from the position on September 17. “It has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but the time has come for me to pursue other retirement interests” said Kelsea. Mr. Kelsea retired from a 35 year professional career prior to

accepting the part-time position as airport manager in July 2009. During his tenure the airport negotiated obstruction removal on the approach to runway 18, repaired and resurfaced runway 18/36, completed several chapters of the airport master plan, and renovated major parts of the original hangar. Mr. Kelsea will continue to keep his Cherokee 180 at Parlin Field.

Town Seeks New Airport Manager

Paul Brown, Town Manager, announced that the Town of Newport is accepting applications for the position of Airport Manager. The position is part-time intermittent as needed, but applicants can expect a significant time commitment due to the fact that the airport is open 24/7 and the airport manager is the only employee at the airport. Interested persons should contact the Town Office at 603-863-1877 or see the [town website](#) for more information. The Town will accept applications until the position is filled.

Vacant Position on Airport Advisory Board

There continues to be a vacant position on the Airport Advisory Board. Members of the Board are appointed by the Newport Board of Selectmen, typically for a 3-year term. Interested persons should apply to the Board of Selectmen using a form available on the [town website](#). Applicants are not required to be residents of Newport, but should be interested in Parlin Field, familiar with general aviation and airport operations, and willing to serve the community.

Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228

Aug 21 Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM,

Operations Building.

Sept 1 EAA Chapter 601 Fly-In & Overnight
Camping

Sept 7 Aviation Users Advisory Board (RSA 21-L:8), Operations Building.

Sept 18 Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM,
Operations Building.

About Parlin Field

Parlin Field is your recreation destination, located about 2 miles north of town at 14 Airport Road. It is owned and operated by the Town of Newport, New Hampshire.

Parlin Field 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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