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

August 2015



Newport's 1st Aviation Career Education Academy

Parlin Field formed a partnership with the Newport school district to bring aviation education to 42 youth from the surrounding communities for a week long program which ran from August 3 - 7.



The Federal Aviation Administration sponsored Aviation Career Education program, or ACE for short, aims to introduce kids to the many different career opportunities in aviation. Through the combined efforts of several Newport school teachers and the many volunteers from Parlin Field, the effort was successful by any measure.

The students were treated to a schedule packed with hands on aviation related instruction and activities. Throughout the week students took flights in privately owned general aviation aircraft, had lessons in navigation, aircraft systems and components, and principles of flight and learned about basic aerodynamics through model aircraft and rocket building. Students also went on a variety of aviation related field trips; spoke to numerous guest speakers,

and even got to experience a mobile planetarium. We are already planning for next year!



Students learn about aircraft systems and components with Walt Busky.



Experiencing flight in a general aviation aircraft with pilot Terry Callum. Intense focus from this young lady.



Going through an aircraft preflight inspection with pilot Fran Malzcynski.



Building balsa gliders from scratch was a great way for students to learn about wing design.



Students navigated around Parlin Field learning about various airport facilities. Here students learn the purpose of the cones.



Students built different sized model rockets.



Students plotted a course from Parlin to Glenn's Falls, NY and learned about aircraft navigation using aviation sectional charts, wind and compass corrections.



The drone demonstration was very cool!



Drone owner David Baxter demonstrates the drone.



Guest speaker Gale Furey talks with students about aviation medicine.



Students built Delta Dart balsa and paper aircraft that they would fly and modify later in the week.



The FAA provided Microsoft Flight Simulator software and control yokes for our simulator lab. Students flew a simulated flight from Parlin to Lebanon, NH with the help of pilots from Parlin Field.



One of the weeks' highlights was a ride on one of two NH Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. Here, they are seen landing at Parlin.



Half of the students went to Nashua Flight simulator where they got to fly FAA approved flight training devices. The cockpits simulate the cockpit of a general aviation aircraft.



The crews were excellent! Here, they talk with the ACE students about their mission and the helicopter's abilities. The NH Army National Guard unit is based in Concord, NH. They are a helicopter medevac unit and are responsible for over 600 saves during their numerous deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.



All strapped in and ready to go!



A great view. Students went low and fast over the Lake Sunapee area during the Blackhawk rides.



Safety was paramount. Here a group departs from a flight.

We would like to thank the guest speakers that took time out of their day to visit with the kids throughout the week and talk about their careers. They are:

USAF Gen. Ret. Bo Graves—Military aviation
David Baxter—Drones
Gale Furey—Aviation medicine
Roger Scales—National Aviation Academy
Jean Mongillo—Airport engineering
Jason Larerre—AvLite airfield lighting/helicopter pilot
Gifford Wong—Helijumper
Sean Collins—Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Newest Member of the Parlin Team



This month we welcomed our newest pilot and team member at Parlin. Ms. Rachael Earl earned her pilots license on Friday, August 14th. Rachael is a NH native and aspires to be a pilot with the USDA Forest Service fighting forest fires. Rachael began her flight instruction in Keene and joined us to finish up with flight instructor Rick Kloeppel at Parlin.

Welcome to the team Rachael!

Library Arts Center Event (see attached flyer)



We are thrilled to announce an exciting partnership between Parlin Field and the Newport Library Arts Center (LAC) for two very, very cool events. The first is a celebration of Aviation & Parlin Field featuring the photography of local artists. They did an outstanding job of capturing the essence of a rural airport and general aviation. Please stop by and visit. You will not be disappointed. Information specific to the event is included at the back of this newsletter.

The second event is a hangar dance! On Saturday, September 12th we will transform the Callum Community Hangar into a 1940's era hangar dance.



The LAC is holding a Casablanca Night theme fund raising event complete with a seven-piece band and dinner. Not to be outdone, we will also have a helicopter bingo drop to kick off the festivities! See details at the end of this newsletter.



Runway Light Work



After the excitement of the ACE academy, it was back to work for us. An electrical short in the southeast quadrant of runway lights caused a failure of 9 runway lights and 3 threshold lights. The team at Parlin was on the problem, digging up multiple runway lights in search of the short. Unfortunately it was a fruitless

effort. It wasn't until the Town of Newport Water Department lent us a tone generator, that the Parlin team was able to quickly find and repair the short.

During the repair, a method was devised to better access the connections at each fixture, allowing for easier repairs in the future. It was another great reminder of the outstanding volunteers and people we are so fortunate to have at Parlin. It also made us VERY grateful for the stake mounted solar taxiway lights from AvLite. Since there is no buried wiring, we never have to worry about digging them up to find a short!

Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at:

<http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228>

September 2, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin'. Join us for fun, food and spirits. Bring your own food item to put on grill. Recycled Pilots provides the grill, condiments and camaraderie. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 1800 at the Recycled Pilots hangar (adjacent to Corbin Road).

September 4, 2015 – RUNWAY 18/36 CLOSURE. Weather depending, we will be closing only Runway 18/36 for routine maintenance. We will be performing runway crack sealing and paint marking. The closure will start at 7am and end at 6pm.

September 15, 2015 – Airport Advisory Board, 1830, Operations Building

September 12, 2015 – Newport Library Arts Center. The Newport LAC will be holding a fundraising dance and helicopter bingo raffle at Parlin Field this year. We are still in the planning stage for this event, but we promise you won't want to miss it. What a great way to support your local library, art gallery and airport!

September 16, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin'. Join us for fun, food and spirits. Bring your own food item to put on grill. Recycled Pilots provides the grill, condiments and camaraderie. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 1800 at the Recycled Pilots hangar (adjacent to Corbin Road).

December 10, 2015 – Scheduled publication date for Non-precision instrument approach procedure.The FAA's Eastern Flight Procedures Team has scheduled a publication date of December 10, 2015 for Parlin Field to receive a day-time only GPS procedure to Runway 36. We have already begun the process to convert the runway markings for Runway 36 from a visual to non-precision instrument approach runway. The new markings will be completed in early summer 2015

About Parlin Field

The Parlin Field Airport is located about 2 miles north of town at 14 Airport Road. The Airport 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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