

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport in Newport, New Hampshire December 2010

### Local Pilot Wins a New Airplane!



**Yorke Brown**, pilot and flight instructor from Etna, New Hampshire, received the keys to a Remos GX Light Sport Aircraft at a ceremony held December 4, 2010 at Parlin Field.

Tom Haines (left in photo), representing the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, presented the the AOPA Sweepstakes aircraft to Dr. Brown. About 50 pilots, friends, and family attended the event held in the **Edmonds Aircraft Service** hangar.

Dr. Brown is no stranger to Parlin Field. He was previously based here and has been an regular visitor since. Dr. Brown decided to take advantage of recent work on the Parlin Hangar and base the Remos at Parlin Field. He also suggested to AOPA that the



presentation be made at Parlin Field because the pilot community at Parlin Field exemplifies the best of general aviation.

Congratulations to Yorke and his wife Carrie, and thanks to both for their

support and confidence in Parlin Field!

### WebCam Back in Service

The Parlin Field weather and webcam is finally back in service thanks to **John Merriman**. The unofficial weather is updated every ten minutes and provides

current conditions as well as data trends for wind, temperature, and barometric pressure. A link on the weather page leads to the web cam, which provides a view of the ramp, midfield taxiway, and western horizon. John added a date/time stamp on the webcam image, so viewers can know immediately whether the image is up-to-date.

Currently, the system is running a demonstration version of the imaging software pending a decision about adding another webcam on the rotating beacon tower and possibly other image functions. If you have a weather & webcam wish list, send it along. We'll see just how much magic John can perform with the software.

Access the weather and webcam at:

<http://www.newportnh.net/weather/wx.htm>

### Tree Clearing Nearly Complete

The difference is stunning. Approaches to runway 18 are a non-event. Departures from runway 36 are dramatically safer.

On approach to runway 18, pilots have a clear view of the entire approach path, including the runway end and traffic on Corbin Road. Some pilots may be tempted to land as close to the beginning of the pavement as possible, but that action is not prudent. There is a three foot high berm at the approach end of runway 18.

Furthermore, pedestrians and vehicle traffic traveling along Corbin Road are obstacles to low-flying aircraft attempting to land as short as possible. The FAA specifies a 17 foot high clearance height over roads at the end of runways, resulting in a displaced threshold at least 340 feet from the runway end. For Parlin Field, terrain along the approach will result in a displaced threshold about 400 feet from the runway end – a reasonable clearance margin above pedestrians and traffic on the Corbin Road. Pilots who fly a safe, comfortable and stabilized approach will easily land within the first third of the runway and have more than 2,000 feet of runway remaining for roll-out.

Pilots departing runway 36 will see a huge safety improvement. The departure path to the east of

centerline provides a clear view for miles up the valley. Already, pilots are drifting to the right on departure – an action that favors the noise abatement procedure and is likely to please the landowner who cleared the trees.

Some additional tree clearing work remains. More trees will be removed from the ridge furthest from the runway, and a few trees on airport property west of runway 18 and north of runway 30 will be removed. This work should be completed over the next several weeks.

### **Destinations – Lil' Red Baron**

The Lil' Red Baron restaurant located at Parlin Field is attracting fly-in patrons from all around New England and New York. Rave reviews have appeared in the Atlantic Flyer newspaper and online at AirNav.com.

**Mike Foulds** and the crew at the Baron serve up an assortment of Mexican and American fare well suited to the northeastern palate, and many of the fly-in patrons have become familiar faces at Parlin Field.

The Lil' Red Baron is open for lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dinner only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Closed on Monday. Call ahead for information at 603-863-TACO (8226) or look for them on Facebook.

### **Winter Reminders**

The south 300 feet of runway 18/36 is closed during winter months and is not available for takeoff or landing. The remaining 3,150 feet of the runway north of the runway 36 displaced threshold remains open.

The closed area is not plowed during winter months in an attempt to reduce frost heaves on that part of the runway. Check [NOTAMs](#) for closure status and possible snowbanks.

Also, the turf runway 12/30 is closed November to May as posted in the Airport/Facility Directory.

### **Upcoming Events**

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

**Dec 21** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 pm,  
Operations Building

**Feb** Winter Carnival Events. Stay tuned for details.

### **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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