

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

Winter Carnival!

Looking for a place to fly? Maybe someplace that offers food and fun for you and your flying companion? Parlin Field might be the place! The Newport Winter Carnival offers more than 50 events ranging from a sliding party to a Jazz Quartet. Events begin Sunday, February 5 and run through Sunday, February 12.



Only a few events actually depend on snow. One of those is Ski Joring, an event in which skiers are pulled along an obstacle course by horse and rider in a manner similar to water skiing. Ski Joring is held on the turf runway which is closed in winter, so the paved runway and airport remain open. Obviously, the event depends on adequate snow cover, and as of February 1 the airport had very little snow cover. But don't be deterred by the lack of snow. Many fun events occur at the High School about ½ mile from the airport. Others occur on the Town Common less than 2 miles from the airport. A complete schedule of events is available at www.newportrec.com/.

Flying Activity Remains Steady

Flying activity has been somewhat greater this winter, when compared with previous years. Perhaps the relatively mild winter with little snow explains the increase. In any case, fuel sales in January are nearly double January sales from previous years. Operations have increased from previous years, and local pilots are more active.

Some of this winter's flying has been fantastic with several days featuring 100+ mile visibility in smooth air. Local pilots and visitors from throughout the northeast have commented on the flying conditions. One pilot on a flight from Maine described an unusual atmospheric phenomenon in which an inversion layer

apparently obscured distant mountains and made the horizon appear as a flat-topped mesa. Others have described the great performance they experience from their aircraft due to the very low density altitudes, in many cases hundreds of feet below sea level. As one pilot put it "If you didn't like flying today, you just don't like flying!"

Aviation Fuel – The Best Deal Around

Although Parlin Field is a small country airport, we offer top quality aviation gasoline at the best possible price. Currently, 100LL avgas is \$4.89/gallon, all taxes included.



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Plan Now for the Summer Flying Season

Parlin Field is a popular venue for fly-ins and other events throughout the summer flying season. We offer plenty of parking on turf tie-downs, a relaxed atmosphere, camping on the field, Lil' Red Baron restaurant adjacent to the ramp, and many recreational opportunities. We like to work with various groups and will do our best to help you host a successful event.

Already, the Northeast Tribe of the International

Comanche Society has scheduled a fly-in for July and two other pilot groups have inquired about opportunities for their events. Plus, we expect to host at least one FAA Safety Team seminar. Local events are important too, with the annual *Run What Ya' Brung* and Airport Open House competing for dates on the summer calendar.

If your group is considering Parlin Field as a venue for your event, please contact the airport manager so we can coordinate dates and make arrangements to accommodate your needs. We look forward to talking with you soon and seeing you at Parlin Field!

Upcoming Events

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

- Feb 1** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Lil' Red Baron.
- Feb 5-12** Newport Winter Carnival
- Feb 11** Winter Carnival – Ski Joring at the Airport
- Feb 15** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Lil' Red Baron.
- Feb 21** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.

Jul 14 International Comanche Society Fly-In (rain date July 15)

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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