

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

February 2014

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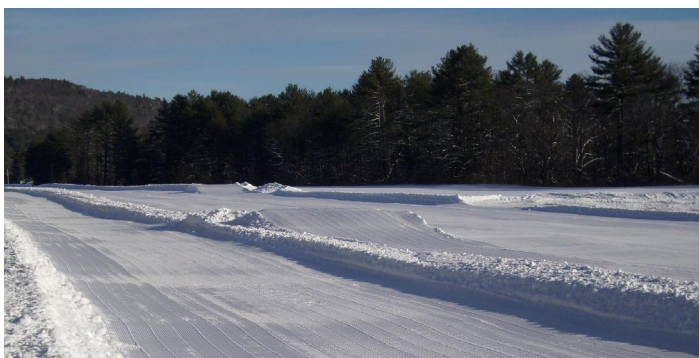
This year marked the 98th year of Newport's Winter Carnival. The week long celebration brings family and friends together to enjoy the winter season through various outdoor activities and competitions such as Sleebogganing, scavenger hunts, ice skating, cook offs, ski joring, hockey and basketball tournaments as well as numerous other games and activities.

Parlin Field was the perfect spot to host the New England Ski Joring Association (NESJA) competition and mounted demonstration as part of the 2014



Winter Carnival celebration. Our 2,000-foot long snow covered turf runway makes an ideal spot to hold the event. Airport and Town officials coordinated with NESJA staff well in advance to ensure safe and efficient airport operation throughout the two day event which was held on February 8th and 9th.

A Snowcat, on loan from Mt. Sunapee ski resort, is trucked to the airport to groom the course and build the jumps. A loader from the Town of Newport is used to clear the auto parking and spectator viewing area which allows for unimpeded traffic flow on Corbin Road.



This year weather conditions couldn't have been any better. Several inches of snow fell just days before the event. And on the weekend of the competition the sun shone bright. The event was very well attended.

Your local airport, a community asset

For many of us, the "whap, whap, whap" of the NH Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter's blades cutting through the air brings an awe inspiring chill up the spine; and with good reason. Aircrews from the 169th Medevac Detachment, NH Army National Guard were credited with completing 471 live-saving missions and transporting 527 wounded to higher levels of care. The men and women of this unit are true heroes.



The NH Army Guard regularly uses Parlin Field to conduct training operations using HH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The airport is ideal for night vision goggle training as the surrounding area is minimally lit. We hope to have them attend our annual airport open house this summer.

In addition to providing an ideal training location for the NH Army Guard, Parlin Field and its volunteers have added to the local community in many different ways. Your local airport has provided nearly 1,000 kids with their first flight through the Young Eagles program, has accommodated the airlift of 1,500lbs of

relief supplies to the New Jersey area to support residents affected by Hurricane Sandy and has sponsored various community outreach events such as the annual Easter candy drop.

For 2014, we at Parlin Field are looking forward to a continued partnership with our local community. Check out a sample of some of our upcoming events for 2014:

March– *Community Hangar Dance.* The specifics of this are still in the works, but we are planning a benefit for the Newport Food Pantry. We hope to get a good turnout of Newport and surrounding area residents. All attendees will be asked to bring at least one nonperishable food item to donate to the food pantry. We will provide a live band, food, beverages (nonalcoholic) and fun. We are also planning on a huge bon fire and hopefully horse drawn sleigh or carriage rides from the hangar to the fire. Details to come over the next several weeks.

April – 3rd *annual Easter candy drop.* This fun event is worth bringing the kids out for. We partner with the Newport Recreation department and seed the runway with several thousand Easter eggs and drop several hundred bags of candy from 5 aircraft. This has become a favorite event for our pilots and the community.

July/August – *Parlin Field Airport Open House.* We open up the airport with a pancake breakfast to benefit a local Boy Scout troop. Young Eagles flights are a thrill for kids ages 8-17 and are offered for free. Numerous aircraft of all sorts visit the airport throughout the day. We are hoping to get a T-6 Texan, L39 jet and the NH Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters out to the Field this year.

Upcoming Events

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

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

Feb 18 Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM,
Operations Building

Feb 19 Chillin' & Grillin', 6:00 PM, Lil' Red Baron

March 15 Hangar Dance to benefit Newport Food pantry, 6:30 PM, Davis Hangar

April 18 3rd Annual Easter Candy Drop, 11 AM, turf runway

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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