

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

Parlin Hangar Renovation

Work is underway on the hangar restoration project.



Over the past month, **Jim** and **Terry Callum**, with help from **Mario Cusanelli** and others, removed asphalt paving from the inside of the hangar. The old asphalt ranged from 2 inches to nearly a foot thick

and consisted of a layer of crushed stone saturated in liquid tar overlain by coarse sand – a classic “farmer’s mix” asphalt. Jim used his excavator to break-up much of the asphalt; a task that required very careful maneuvering inside the hangar. Terry lifted several sections of asphalt with the Bobcat



loader and loaded the broken asphalt into a Town one-ton truck. The last of the asphalt was removed on July 2 with help from Town Highway employees **Bob Gonyea** and **Tony White**, who loaded the broken asphalt into the Town dump truck and made several trips to the Town’s asphalt pile at the Public Works garage. The discarded asphalt will be recycled for future projects.

After the asphalt was removed, **Tom Colburn** repaired the interior steel support structure. In several places, the original steel had rusted nearly completely through the structural uprights at concrete foundation. Tom welded reinforcing steel in many places and with

Terry’s help, cut-out and entirely replaced rusted steel where necessary. Tom also welded a door frame into place at the rear of the hangar. The rear door will provide a second point of egress from the hangar when renovations are complete.

The next step involves leveling the ground inside the hangar in preparation for pouring a new concrete floor. **Jim Callum** anticipates a major effort will be required for pouring the concrete, so expect to see a call for additional volunteers to help with pouring and finishing concrete.

Hangar Restoration Fund

The Town of Newport established the hangar restoration fund at the request of Parlin Field pilots to receive tax-deductible contributions necessary to pay for the hangar restoration. The original intent was to fund the restoration exclusively from donations, without the need for any contributions from the Town of Newport. So far, the fund has received just under \$9,000 – enough to get started, but not enough to finish the concrete work, which will require at least another \$2,000. Additional contributions of \$8,000 or more will be required complete the one-piece hangar door. Given the pace of activities, we hope to complete the floor and hangar door this season. How much we actually complete depends on volunteer help and tax-deductible donations.

Runway Maintenance Continues



Pilots familiar with Parlin Field know the paved runway has several transverse cracks throughout the runway surface. On Friday, July 2, **John Merriman**, **Harold Yanofsky**, and **Mario**

Cusanelli assisted Town Highway employees **Bill Scanlon, Danny Thompson, John Leslie** and **Tony White** in repairing cracks on the northern half of the runway. The work included removing loose chunks of pavement from the larger cracks and filling the voids with hot asphalt pavement.

The paved runway was closed by NOTAM from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm while the work was underway, but the grass runway remained open all day. One frequent visitor to Parlin Field made a fine landing on the grass runway, while three other pilots diverted to other airports.



Upcoming Events

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

Jul 7 Chill & Grill. 6:00 PM. Recycled Pilots Hangar.

Jul 10 Comanche Fly-In. Rain date Jul 11.

Jul 17 EAA Chapter 740 Taildragger Fly-In. Rain date Jul 18.

Jul 20 Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM. Operations Building.

Aug 7 Light Sport Aircraft Exhibition. Rain date Aug 8.

Sep 18 Airport Open House and Aviation Awareness Day.

Sep 25 Airport closed for the *Run What Ya' Brung* community event.

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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