

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

Fly-In Campers Welcome



Pilots frequently ask whether we allow camping at Parlin Field. Yes, fly-in campers are welcome! Already this year we have had several campers visit Parlin Field. Most choose to camp in the field south of

the turf runway, but many good sites are available. All camping is primitive, which means the airport does not have tent platforms or any specifically prepared campsites. Campers may set up camp anywhere so long as it is more than 125 feet from the paved runway centerline, which puts campsites in the trees west of runway 18/36 or in the tie-down areas, and well away from the town park at the Covered Bridge. Campers have 24/7 access to amenities in the Operations Building; and, of course, the Lil' Red Baron restaurant is located on the field. Parlin Field is listed with the [American Air Campers Association](#) and more specific information is available on the [airport website](#).

Campfire Site Under Development

At the request of recent campers, we are developing a community campfire site west of the paved runway. We are negotiating with the [Recreation Aviation Foundation](#) to construct a "fire hub" in a cleared area opposite the mid-field taxiway. Until the fire hub is constructed, a simple metal fire ring will be installed in the same location. The fire ring will be operational shortly and a supply of firewood is already available at the airport. Anyone interested in sponsoring the fire hub or donating materials should contact the airport manager.

Position Available on Airport Advisory Board

The seven member Airport Advisory Board has one vacant position available for anyone with an interest in

serving Parlin Field and the Town of Newport. A [Charter document](#) describes the roles and functions of the Board. Applicants need not be a resident of the Town of Newport. If you are interested, file an [application](#) (available on the [town website](#)) at the Town Manager's Office. Contact the Town Office for more information at 603-863-1877 or via email at lisapitkin@newportnh.net.

Summer Intern at Parlin Field

Silas Eldredge, a student majoring in Aviation at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, is serving an internship at Parlin Field this summer. Silas is learning about small airport management from airport manager **Russ Kelsea** and will be writing several sections of an airport *Operations and Maintenance Handbook* for Parlin Field.

Construction Crane South of Airport

The Town of Newport is building an addition to the Waste Water Treatment Facility, located about 1500 feet south of the approach end of Runway 36. Construction activities are under the approach path, just east of the runway centerline. Most of the time, construction activity is of little consequence to air traffic. However, intermittently on weekdays during daylight hours a construction crane more than 50 feet high will penetrate the approach slope. Check NOTAMs for inclusive dates. The building should be complete by November 1, 2012.

Upcoming Work Projects

Many airport work projects are already complete, but one major project remains. Sometime before the end of summer, we will relocate runway threshold lights at the approach end of runway 18. This project involves removing the existing threshold lights, excavating trenches and running new underground wiring, installing threshold lights coincident with the displaced threshold, and relocating two other runway lights. All work will be performed by volunteers. The runway will remain open while work is in progress.

Airplane Performance Workshop July 14

Looking for a way to spend some time with your aviation colleagues and fly an airplane at the same time? Local instructors and FAA Safety team representatives **Rick Kloeppel**, **John Merriman**, and **Russ Kelsea** will be presenting the WINGS workshop “*Can Your Airplane Really Perform?*” on Saturday afternoon, July 14 at 1:00 pm. Participants will calculate book performance, then have an opportunity to fly their airplane to see how book values compare to actual performance. The runways at Parlin Field will have runway distance markers posted every 200 feet so pilots can easily measure their airplane's actual performance. This interactive workshop is fun for both participants and instructors. See FAASafety.gov for registration and more information.

Upcoming Events

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

- Jul 14** **Piper Comanche Type Club Fly-In**, rain date Sunday the 15th.
- Jul 14** **FAA Safety Team Seminar – Aircraft Performance: Short-field takeoff and landing, Obstacle clearance.** 1:00 PM For more information and online registration see FAASafety.gov
- Jul 17** **Airport Advisory Board**, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- Jul 18** **Chill & Grill**, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.

Aug 11 **12th Annual Airport Open House.** Young Eagle flights for kids age 8-17.

About Parlin Field

The Parlin Field Airport is your recreation destination, located about 2 miles north of town at 14 Airport Road. It 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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