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

July 2015



### Piper Comanche Fly-in

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we welcomed back the Northeast Tribe of the International Comanche Society (pictured above) for their annual Parlin Field fly-in. Great weather made for a good turn out with 10 aircraft arriving from as far away as Pennsylvania. With the Lil' Red Baron closed indefinitely, the pilots and their passengers were brought into town by airport management to eat at a local restaurant. There were many compliments on the local cuisine and the quaintness of Newport. We look forward seeing them back again next year.

### **Northern Lights**

Last fall we received two solar powered LED taxiway lights from AvLite to test over the winter. What a winter it was too! With record snowfalls and temperatures frequently below zero, the two lights performed flawlessly.



The lights have three levels of intensity: low, medium and high. Set on low, the lights perfectly mark the entrance of the mid-field taxiway. The LED lights are set to go on automatically from dusk to dawn. We will be purchasing two more to mark the entrance of the north taxiway. The simple stake mounted installation is a breeze and requires no trenching, wiring or electrical vault. So easy even our management could do it!

In addition to the taxiway lights, we recently changed all of our incandescent runway light bulbs over to LED bulbs. The pilot controlled lighting module that activates the runway lights with three clicks of the push-to-talk button had been operating intermittently. The decision was made to replace the PCL module with a photocell sensor so that the runway lights turn on from dusk to dawn. This setup matches the dusk-to-dawn operation of the AvLite taxiway lights and reduces the previous daily on/off operation during the day. The LED bulbs operate at 6 watts per bulb versus the 40 watt power usage of the old bulbs. We'll keep you posted on the reliability of the bulbs.

## A Show of Appreciation



On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> pilots took employees from Newport's Buildings and Grounds and Highway departments on a flight to Laconia Municipal Airport for breakfast. The breakfast flight occurs on an annual basis as a way for us to thank Newport town employees for the outstanding job they do in keeping our runway and taxiways plowed during the winter and

the grass mowed during the summer months. Thanks again for all their hard work!!

## **Upcoming Events**

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

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

**July 30, 2015 – Airport Advisory Board**, 1830, Operations Building

August 3-7, 2015 – Aviation Career Education Academy. Parlin Field will host a week long aviation camp for students in grades 6-12. We have partnered with the Newport school district and the FAA to offer up to 60 kids a chance to learn about the many careers in aviation through fun, interactive, aviation oriented activities, orientation flights and field trips.

**August 5, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin'.** Join us for fun, food and spirits. Bring your own food item to put on grill. Recycled Pilots provides the grill, condiments and camaraderie. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. 1800 at the Recycled Pilots hangar (adjacent to Corbin Road).

### August 15, 2015 – 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. New for this year is a BBQ. All proceeds will benefit the Zach Paroline scholarship fund which provides scholarships for kids to attend local ACE camps. 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.

#### September 12, 2015 – Newport Library Arts

Center. The Newport LAC will be holding a fundraising dance and helicopter bingo raffle at Parlin Field this year. We are still in the planning stage for this event, but we promise you won't want to miss it. What a great way to support your local library, art gallery and airport!

**December 10, 2015 – Scheduled publication date for Non-precision instrument approach procedure.** The FAA's Eastern Flight Procedures Team has scheduled a publication date of December 10, 2015 for Parlin Field to receive a day-time only GPS procedure to Runway 36. We have already begun the process to convert the runway markings for Runway 36 from a visual to non-precision instrument approach runway. The new markings will be completed in early summer 2015

#### 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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