

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

### Danbury Elementary Young Eagles

On Friday, May 21, twelve students from the Danbury Elementary School enjoyed flights over Newport, Lempster and Sunapee provided by local pilots **Louis Edmonds, Rick Kloeppel, Russ Kelsea, and John Merriman**. John coordinated the Young Eagles event. The [Young Eagles program](#) is affiliated with the Experimental Aircraft Association. The purpose of the program is to give youth between the ages of 8 and 17 an opportunity to fly in a general aviation aircraft. Pilots are EAA members who donate their time and aircraft so that youth can enjoy the adventure of flight without charge.

### High School Program Provides Bicycles

Scott Hunt, School Resource Officer with the Newport Police Department, works with local High School students to maintain a fleet of bicycles at Parlin Field. Visiting pilots use the bicycles for trips downtown and other local destinations. The courtesy bicycle program is unusual for airports, and may be a service unique to Parlin Field. Visitors and local pilots alike enjoy the convenience of the well-maintained bicycles and appreciate the work performed by local students and Officer Hunt.

### Runway Maintenance Continues

Sealing cracks on the paved runway seems like an endless task, but **Rick Kloeppel, John Merriman and Harold Yanofsky** continued the effort last month. Given our experience to date, we can seal more than 800 feet of crack in a three hour work session. Much of the time is spent heating kettles and waiting for sealant to reach and maintain the 400°F necessary for proper application. Once heated and properly applied, the sealant works well on cracks ¼ inch or smaller, but can work on cracks up to ½ inch. Last year, we experimented with filling larger cracks (up to 1 inch) with sand before sealing, but the results were not always satisfactory. Cracks larger than 1 inch require heavy equipment and filling with asphalt. Runway maintenance work is weather dependent and is being

done on an ad-hoc and short-notice basis, so check NOTAMs for possible runway closures.

### Work Begins on Parlin Hangar

Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of renovation work on the Parlin Hangar. **Terry Callum** helped remove and sort “treasures” that had been accumulating for decades. Town crews removed the scrap metal, wood, and trash that had been sorted into piles. A few items remain – an aircraft tire with original label still attached, an unused diaphragm fuel pump, several tie-down cables, and sundry other items. The next step requires cutting the existing asphalt pavement inside the hangar so we can remove the old pavement in phases, beginning at the rear of the hangar. We plan to install a new concrete floor as each section of old pavement is removed.

### Spring Clean-up – Flagpole Garden

Thanks to **Kathan Gardens** and the Marsdens, the flower bed in the parking lot at the base of the flag pole is ready for another season. Over the Memorial Day weekend, **Heath Marsden** and his family weeded and renovated the flower beds and planted new flowers. The flower beds provide an attractive setting in the parking lot shared by the Airport Operations Building and the Lil' Red Baron restaurant.

### Destinations – Parlin Field

Sometimes, destinations are close to home. A recent visitor to Parlin Field commented about the many opportunities on and adjacent to the airport. Of course, many people know about the picnic tables at the Covered Bridge near the end of the grass runway, and several visitors use the courtesy bicycles for trips into town and other areas close-by. But, who would have thought about the trout fishing nearby? The Sugar River parallels the paved runway and joins Croydon Brook at the Covered Bridge. The river downstream from the confluence is recognized for its trout fishing opportunities. Moreover, courtesy bicycles at the airport are well suited to the [Sugar River Recreation](#)

[Trail](#) that parallels the river. A couple of weeks ago, one family took full advantage of the bicycles, trails, and picnic facilities. They had a great time.

### Website Updates

Information about Parlin Field is periodically updated on the Town of Newport [website](#). Look for links to *Parlin Field Airport* on the left side of the Town's home page. Among the pages recently updated is lodging and transportation information compiled by **Sherry Edmonds** and **Judy Kelsea** available on the *Services* page. One of the more frequently visited pages is the unofficial Parlin Field [weather](#) which is updated every 10 minutes. The weather page includes a webcam which provides a view of the ramp looking toward the west.

<http://www.newportnh.net/>

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### Upcoming Events

- Jun 15** Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM.  
Operations Building.
- Jun 16** Chill & Grill. 6:00 PM. Recycled Pilots

Hangar.

- Jun 23** FAA CFI/DPE Workshop. 6:00 PM
- Jul 10** Comanche Fly-In. Rain date Jul 11.
- Jul 17** EAA Chapter 740 Taildragger Fly-In. Rain date Jul 18.
- Aug 7** Light Sport Aircraft Exhibition. Rain date Aug 8.

### 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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