

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport in Newport, New Hampshire June 2011

### Hangar Restoration Work Continues



Following a period of inactivity over the winter, work has begun anew on the Parlin Field Hangar. **Terry Callum** is fabricating the structures necessary to support a new hangar door. The new structures will carry the load imposed by

the 12 foot by 58 foot door without putting any stress on the existing hangar. These new structures will blend into the existing hangar, thus preserving the original character. The Town of Newport, and Parlin Field in particular, is fortunate to have many local people such as Terry who volunteer their time and talent not only to this project, but to the many tasks necessary to maintain and improve the airport.

As might be expected with any project, the restoration effort has had its share of interesting problems. Last fall we researched one-piece, hydraulically operated hangar doors for the hangar. We looked at one-piece doors because the relatively low existing opening required that we preserve as much overhead clearance as possible. Moreover, a one-piece door can be finished to resemble the overlapping sliding doors that were originally installed on the hangar. We had entered negotiations with one vendor but ran out of time before winter and never ordered the door. Good thing we delayed. At Sun 'n Fun in Florida this spring, our principal construction guru, **Jim Callum**, discovered that the vendor had entered bankruptcy. Fortunately, we never sent a deposit, so the only thing we lost was research time.



We have since investigated several other vendors, all of whom offer doors that are significantly more expensive than the previous vendor.

The hangar restoration project is funded entirely by donations. Increased costs mean the project is currently underfunded. Contact Russ Kelsea, airport manager, or Rick Kloeppel, Airport Advisory Board chair, for more information about the restoration project.

### Runway Paving Scheduled for July

The north 2,850 feet of runway 18/36 will be repaired and overlaid with new pavement beginning Monday, July 11. The work is expected to take 4 days, but may take an additional day if weather or other problems interfere with the work schedule.

The runway will be closed throughout the entire 4 to 5 day construction period. Although the runway will be closed, the airport will remain open for emergency medical airlift by helicopter and other aircraft that can utilize the turf infield east of the runway. The turf runway 12/30 will also be available to the maximum extent possible, subject to closure as necessary for the safety of construction workers and restrictions on crossing the paved runway. Pilots should check NOTAMs for current conditions.

Only the north 2,850 feet of runway 18/36 will be repaired and paved. The "South 600" feet of runway 18/36 was paved two years ago following repairs to the concrete box culvert that runs under that part of the runway. In addition to repairing major cracks and other failed areas on the runway, we will increase the length and width of the north turn-around to better accommodate low-wing aircraft. Neither the north nor south turn-arounds provide adequate room to remain clear of the runway, so pilots will continue to perform run-ups on the taxiway prior to back-taxi on the runway.

### New Bicycles Available

Thanks to the Newport Police Department, the airport recently added to its selection of bicycles available for

pilots. When you visit the airport, feel free to borrow any of the bicycles stored in the old Parlin Field Hangar. Some of the bicycles offer “quick-release” adjustments for seat height. A tire pump is available inside the operations building. Many visitors use the bicycles to ride the 2 miles of mostly level road downtown for lunch on the days the Lil' Red Baron is closed.

### Recreational Opportunities

Parlin Field is blessed with a number of recreational opportunities either on the field or nearby. Of course, the Lil' Red Baron restaurant and ice cream stand located immediately adjacent to the operations building is a long-time favorite of locals and fly-ins, but did you know that a Covered Bridge and shaded picnic area is also located on the field at the confluence of the Sugar River and Croydon Brook? Taxi to the end of runway 30 to the picnic area, grills, and the Covered Bridge.

Want other options? Borrow a courtesy bicycle and ride the Sugar River Rail Trail beginning at the Recreation Department on Belknap Avenue about one mile south of the airport. The trail follows the river (more or less), passing various sights all the way to Claremont. Or bring your fishing equipment and try your luck on the designated trout waters downstream from Parlin Field.

Want still more options? Hike any of various trails starting at the high school less than a mile from the airport. Some of the trails along the ridge east of the airport offer scenic vistas in various directions, including west across the airport.

### Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at [www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228](http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228)

- Jun 15** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- Jun 21** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- Jun 27** Airport closed for *Run What Ya' Brung*, evening event. Check [NOTAMs](#).
- Jul 9** EAA Chapter 740 & Taildragger Fly-In.
- Jul 11-14** Runway 18/36 Paving Project. Check [NOTAMs](#) for status and runway closure information.
- Aug 20** Parlin Field Airport Open House. Young Eagle and Charity flights.

### About Parlin Field

The Parlin Field Airport 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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