

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

Boy Scouts Plant Dogwoods, Hazelnut

On May 19, eight Boy Scouts from Newport Troop 316 and their Scout Leaders Jim Swenson and Peter Merritt planted 200 bare-root dogwood and hazelnut shrubs under the approach path to runway 18. Steve Roberge, UNH Cooperative Extension Service Forester, provided training and guidance in proper planting techniques. Dick Wentzel, Conservation Commission Chairman, plus one member of the Conservation Commission along with local pilot Rocky Cusanelli and Airport Manager Russ Kelsea assisted with the project. After the planting activities concluded, the Newport Fire Department sprayed water on the planted area.



Boy Scouts from Troop 316. Steve Roberge, County Forester, is on the far left. Jim Swenson, Scoutmaster, is on the far right.

Forester Steve Roberge is developing a prescription for planting and managing vegetation on the airport. The shrubs planted on May 19 include dogwoods and hazelnut, both hardy plants that provide shade, cover, and wildlife value. Mr. Roberge recommended these plants because of their overall value and the fact that their maximum height will remain below the approach path to the runway. Hazelnut already exists in the area,

along with Shad Bush (Serviceberry), blackberry, and low-bush blueberry – all good species for this area. Forester Roberge also recommended that we immediately remove the higher growing oak, maple, pin cherry, hemlock, and pine (as well as the non-native invasive species) so that native lower-growing species will dominate the site.

Many thanks to the Scouts for their help with this project. And thanks also to Mr. Roberge for his technical guidance and help in developing a responsible vegetation management plan for the airport.

Crew Makes Short Work of Tall Grass

Ken Dennis and crew from the Town's Buildings and Grounds Department developed a very efficient method for mowing turf areas at the airport. Using several mowers in echelon formation, the crew is able to mow the entire airport in about one-half the time of previous methods.



Mowing occurs every 7 to 10 days, mostly on weekdays, but occasionally on Saturdays. The mowing crew keeps watch for arriving and departing aircraft and knows that airplanes always have the right-of-way, but may not hear or see every aircraft.

The Steinfield Collection

Local pilot Carl Steinfield donated nearly all of his aviation library to the Airport. The collection includes a wide variety of books, from Ernest Gann's classic *Fate is the Hunter* to the technical treatise *Aerodynamics for Naval Aviators*. Carl also donated other items including several Jeppesen 7-ring binders and a flight case. The books are available for loan and many items are available in exchange for a donation to the Hangar Fund. Many thanks to Carl for supporting Parlin Field.

Run What Ya' Brung – June 25

The annual *Run What Ya' Brung* radar run is scheduled for Monday afternoon and evening, June 25, on runway 18-36 at Parlin Field. This popular town-wide event benefits the Newport Ambulance Auxiliary and typically attracts a few hundred spectators and participants. The airport will be CLOSED for this event. Pilots, consult [NOTAMs](#) for exact dates and times.

Blackhawks Visit Parlin Field

The NHANG flew three Blackhawk helicopters into Parlin Field one evening for night vision goggle training. Since nighttime arrives late in June, the crews enjoyed dinner at the **Lil' Red Baron**



restaurant on the field prior to their training exercise. The NHANG is a frequent visitor to Parlin Field because it is one of the few airports in New Hampshire suitable for night vision goggle training.

Crack Sealing Runway 18-36

The runway was closed on May 31 to seal cracks in the pavement surface. Local pilots **Rocky Cusanelli** and **John Merriman** used the Town's air compressor to remove any loose debris from the cracks prior to applying the sealant.

Rick Kloeppel, **Harold Yanofsky** and **Russ**

Kelsea applied the sealant using fixed and portable kettles provided by the New Hampshire Bureau of Aeronautics. The sealant is heated to 400°F before application and remains tacky until it has cooled adequately, thus the runway is closed to traffic during application and for a period of time after work is complete. This annual maintenance task prevents water intrusion and helps assure the longest possible lifespan for the pavement.



Upcoming Events

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

- Jun 6** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- Jun 19** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- Jun 20** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- Jun 25** Run What Ya' Brung. Airport CLOSED afternoon and evening. Check [NOTAMs](#) for exact times.
- 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.*
- Aug 11** 12th Annual Airport Open House. Young Eagle flights for kids age 8-17.

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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