

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

### Landowner Clears Trees



William Ruger, Jr., landowner north of the airport, is clearing trees in the approach zone to runway 18. Under an agreement with the Town, Mr. Ruger will remove obstructions in two phases. The first

phase involves clearing trees in an area 125 feet either side of the runway center line beginning at the north end of the existing pavement and proceeding 1,000 feet north along the center line. Mr. Ruger has already

cleared trees from this area (photo at right). In the second phase, Mr. Ruger will remove all trees that penetrate the 20:1 approach surface in an area 250 feet either side of the runway center line,



beginning at the end of the runway as it existed in 1948 (about 400 south of the current end of paved runway) and proceeding northerly along the center line for a distance of 3,000 feet, terminating at a width of 534 feet on either side of the center line.

Trees cut during the first phase eliminated dangerous close-in obstacles (compare photos above). The final cut, to be completed before the end of September will make the approach and departure paths much safer, providing 20:1 clearance along the runway center line.

In exchange for obstruction removal, the airport adopted a noise abatement procedure. Please avoid overflight of the yellow buildings 3,000 feet northwest of the airport. Departing runway 36, fly runway heading to 2000 MSL, at least 1 nautical mile beyond

the departure end of the runway before turning left. A [graphical depiction](#) is available on the airport [website](#).

### AOPA – Airport Support Network Volunteer

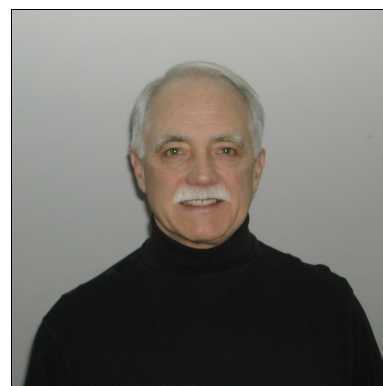
The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association appointed **Will Dismukes** as [Airport Support Network](#) volunteer for Parlin Field. Airport Support Network volunteers have access to AOPA resources and work with pilots, airport



management, and the community to promote and protect aviation interests. Will is a professional pilot and owns an airplane based at Parlin Field. He is well known to many of the local pilots.

### FAA Safety Team Volunteer

The FAA Safety Team appointed **Rick Kloeppel** as FAASafety Team Representative for Parlin Field. The mission of the [FAASafety Team](#) is to promote aviation safety through education. FAASafety Team volunteers such as Rick are members of the local pilot community. They are not FAA employees and do not deal with regulatory enforcement. Rick is a retired airline professional based at Parlin Field. Contact information is posted in the Operations Building.



### Airport Master Plan

The Airport Advisory Board is updating the airport master plan. The old plan was completed nearly 30 years ago. The first step in creating a new plan is to define the vision, role and mission for Parlin Field and extend that vision 20 years into the future. In other

words, what do we want the airport to look like twenty years from now. If you have some thoughts, please call or email Russ Kelsea, Airport Manager, before April 15. No fancy wording is required, a simple note, email, or phone call will do fine. The Board will compile comments from all sources into a coherent mission statement at the next Board meeting. We expect the entire planning process to take several months.

### Death by a Thousand Cuts

Nearly every day the routine runway inspection finds a few pieces of loose asphalt dislodged from the runway pavement. A piece of loose asphalt once in a while seems trivial, but taken collectively the loose pieces signal a runway in a state of progressive disintegration. Volunteers and town employees will be working periodically throughout the summer to maintain the runway in an attempt to slow the rate of deterioration, but eventually a new runway will be needed. Check [NOTAMS](#) and be aware that maintenance crews could be on the runway at any time.

### Destinations

Many local pilots fly out to lunch or attend events at various airports. If you have a favorite lunch spot or an interesting adventure, we'd like to hear from you! You can write a brief paragraph or two for the *Destinations* section of Parlin Field News. Likewise, if you fly into Parlin Field and want to share your experience, we want to hear from you too. Contact the airport manager for more information.

### Upcoming Events

**Apr 5-7** National Weather Service will install weather station equipment in the field east of the

approach end runway 36 – no significant impact on airport operations.

**Apr 15** Airport Advisory Board. Operations Building, 6:30 PM.

**Apr 24** First Responder Training. Recycled Pilots Hangar.

**May 8** 5K Road Race event at the picnic area by the covered bridge, approach end of runway 12 – no significant impact on airport operations.

**May ?** Helicopter Familiarization and Operations at Non-Towered airports (tentative, date/time to be determined).

**May ?** WAAS and IFR Operations (tentative, date/time to be determined)

**Jul 10** Comanche Fly-In. Rain date Jul 11.

**Jul 17** Taildragger Fly-In. Rain date Jul 18.

**Aug 7** Aero Club of New England Fly-In. 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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