

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

Winter is Still Here – But Not For Long!



It has been a long, snowy winter and it is not over yet. At one point, snowbanks exceeded 4 feet in height along the runway, completely obscuring runway edge lights. Although the runway was plowed to

the full 50 foot width, the 4 foot snowbanks presented a significant challenge for arriving and departing aircraft. Combined with taxiways plowed 35 feet wide, the airport was somewhat limited in handling aircraft. Fortunately, the extreme conditions lasted only a few days before the town was able to run a snow blower and other heavy equipment to restore better operating conditions.

While springtime conditions are already evident at airports to the south and east, Parlin Field still sports evidence of the long winter. However, airport conditions are changing rapidly as temperatures begin warming. Watch the airport [webcam](#), check [NOTAMs](#), or call the airport for current conditions.

Newport Accepts Runway Funds

The Newport Board of Selectmen voted at their February 21st meeting to accept unanticipated revenue for the purpose of paving the runway at Parlin Field. The unanticipated revenue will come from tenants' prepayment of their ground leases for a period of time to be determined. These funds will be used to repair, shim, and overlay the north 2,850 feet of runway 18/36.

The Airport Advisory Board, with technical input from various sources including the New Hampshire Bureau of Aeronautics, determined that the shim and overlay was the best value approach for improving the runway surface. Detailed investigations had shown that 46% of runway segments rated poor. Only one 200 foot segment rated good, the remainder rated fair. A

detailed report is available on the airport [website](#).

Work on the runway expected to occur during the summer flying season, but every attempt will be made to minimize runway closures. Nevertheless, there will be periods during which the paved runway is out of service, hopefully for no more than 1 or 2 days at a time. We expect the turf runway 12/30 to remain open when the paved runway is closed. As always, check [NOTAMs](#) for airport conditions.

Aircraft Registration Benefits Parlin Field

The State of New Hampshire requires that all aircraft based in the State, or visiting for more than 90 days in any year, register with the New Hampshire Bureau of Aeronautics. This registration process benefits local airports like Parlin Field by returning 25% of the aircraft registration and operating fees to the airport at which the airplane is based. For Parlin Field, the funds we receive are adequate to pay for required inspections and routine maintenance of the aircraft fuel system used by pilots. For those who are required to register with the State, but are not based at any specific airport in New Hampshire year-round, you can designate Parlin Field as your home airport. Funds are returned to the airport you designate. Complete rules are available at the [NH Bureau of Aeronautics](#) or see [NH RSA 422](#)



Missing Double Points on Your AOPA Card?

Do you purchase fuel at Parlin Field using your AOPA Rewards Card? If so, you are eligible for double rewards points. Parlin Field enrolled in this program more than a year ago, but it seems that some pilots are not receiving double points when using their AOPA card for purchases. We have tried to rectify this problem several times. However, if you are still not receiving double points on your AOPA card, Bernice Gambell at AOPA suggests that you contact her directly at airportdirectory@aopa.org or 888-359-2672 Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; or Friday

8:00 am to noon. Ms Gambell is Senior Directory Representative at AOPA Airports. Please provide her with the following information:

- Name of Business as it appears on statement (Town of Newpor...)
- Airport Name and Airport Location Identifier (Parlin Field, 2B3)
- Transaction Date
- Amount of Purchase
- Your full name, mailing address, phone number
- Last four digits of your AOPA credit card.

Ms Gambell will contact Bank of America for you. If you continue to have difficulty receiving double points or any other issues with the self-serve fuel system at Parlin Field, please contact the airport manager.

Airport Master Plan

The Airport Advisory Board, with technical guidance from board member **Heath Marsden**, is updating the airport master plan. Chapter 1 deals with airport history, existing facilities, and vision for the future is complete. Chapter 2 deals with anticipated demand for airport services over the next several years is also complete. Both [chapters 1 & 2](#) are available on the airport [website](#). The Board is currently working on the Demand/Capacity Chapter and the Airport Layout Plan. The Board works on the Master Plan at each meeting. If you have an interest in the airport issues and the planning process, please feel free to attend the Airport Advisory Board meetings.

Upcoming Events

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

Mar 15 Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 pm, Operations Building.

Mar 16 Chill and Grill, 6:00 pm, Little Red Baron.

Jul 9 EAA Chapter 740 and Taildragger Fly-In (tentative)

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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