News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport – Newport, New Hampshire May 2010

Turf Runway Open



Due to unusually warm and dry conditions in March, the turf runway 12/30 opened several weeks ahead of schedule. Guy Alexander, Judy Kelsea, Rick Kloeppel, and **Dave White** helped mark the

runway by surveying and placing cones at the threshold and runway edges. These cones identify the area maintained as the turf runway. Thanks to rolling conducted by the highway crew, the runway is smooth and in good condition for landing. Rick Kloeppel was the first pilot to land on the turf this year. Pilots departing runway 30 should avoid the noise sensitive area northwest of the airport. A diagram is available online and is posted in the Operations Building. Also, be sure to check NOTAMs for runway closures, or activities occurring on or adjacent to the runway.

First Responder Training

Fire, police, and EMS personnel from Grantham, Lempster, and Unity attended initial/refresher training at Parlin Field on Saturday, April 24. The training was conducted by several local pilots, and was coordinated by Rick Kloeppel and Russ Kelsea. Jim Callum and others provided a pancake breakfast to participants.

The two-hour seminar provides an overview of hazards at aircraft accident sites, with an emphasis on ballistic parachutes and aircraft systems. The objective is to provide an awareness of systems that could injure first responders at aircraft accident sites.

Fuel Discount & Rewards Programs

Three new programs are available to pilots who fuel their aircraft at Parlin Field. First, Parlin Field is now a participating FBO in AOPA's Worldpoints Rewards program which means that pilots earn double points when they purchase fuel with an AOPA credit card. Second, pilots can earn points in the Phillips 66 WingPoints program. Each gallon earns at least 10 points, double if you use any branded Phillips 66 credit card. Finally, pilots who fly Young Eagles, or who fly compassion flights and are members of a charitable organization approved by Phillips 66, may be eligible for \$1 per gallon rebates on avgas if they use their Phillips 66 credit card at Phillips 66 branded dealers. Parlin Field is a Phillips 66 branded dealer. Contact the airport manager for more information.

Airport Master Plan

The Airport Advisory Board is updating the airport master plan. The existing plan was completed in 1981. The Board drafted a mission and goals statement which is available on the <u>website</u>. Work on inventory and forecast sections is underway. Your input is welcome. Contact the airport manager or attend an airport advisory board meeting (see schedule below).

Helicopter on the Field

A Robinson R44 helicopter is now based at Parlin Field. These amazing machines are not like a fixed wing airplane. They fly different traffic patterns and behave differently on the ground. To learn more about helicopters, join Harold Yanofsky on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm for an FAA Safety Team seminar "All About Helicopters!" More information and registration at FAASafety.gov.

Noise Abatement

In exchange for obstruction removal at the approach end of runway 18, 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.

Ambulance Attendants Donate to Hangar

The Newport Ambulance Attendants Association recently made a significant donation to the Parlin Field Hangar Restoration Fund. Each year, the Association conducts the *Run What Ya' Brung* radar run on the main runway in an effort to raise funds for community purposes. The event is wildly popular in the community and is an important fund raiser. Last year, local pilots conducted a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the event. Thanks to the Ambulance Attendants for their support of the Hangar Restoration Project.

Destinations - Naples, Maine

The 10th Annual New England Seaplane Safety Expo will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Brandy Pond Seaplane Base (5ME). Safety seminars, lunch, prizes, and of course many aircraft on floats. Shuttle service from Auburn/Lewiston Airport (KLEW). Visit http://www.orgsites.com/me/katahdinwings/ for more information, or call Mary Build at 207-838-3548.

Upcoming Events

- May 5 Chill and Grill. 6:00 PM. Recycled Pilots hangar.
- May 8 5K Road Race event at the picnic area by the covered bridge, vehicle parking between Corbin Road and Runway 12/30. Check NOTAMs.
- **May 12** Helicopter Familiarization and Operations at Non-Towered Airports. 6:00 PM. Parlin

- Area C. More information on FAA Safety Team <u>website</u> (FAASafety.gov).
- May 15 Sugar River Raft Race event at the picnic area by the covered bridge, vehicle parking between Corbin Road and Runway 12/30. Check NOTAMs.
- May 19 Chill and Grill. 6:00 PM. Recycled Pilots hangar.
- **May 20** Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM. Operations Building.
- **Jun?** Pilots' Guide to 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.

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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