

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

Pilots Fly Highway Crew to Breakfast



Parlin Field pilots **Terry Callum, Darrell Chichester, Will Dismukes, Louis Edmonds, Rick Kloeppel, John Merriman, and Russ Kelsea** donated their time and airplanes to fly nine Town of Newport Highway

Department employees to breakfast on Saturday morning, May 7. Town Highway crews plow snow and perform pavement repair tasks on the runways and taxiways. Pilots appreciate the work performed by Town employees, and the flight was the pilots' way of expressing thanks to the employees. Everyone enjoyed the flight, and for the pilots it was a pleasure to share the experience of flying. Pilots are looking forward to flying Buildings and Grounds employees later this year.

Runway Lights Back in Service

Runway lights at Parlin Field are divided into 4 quadrants (NW, NE, SW, SE), with two circuits in each quadrant. Late last winter, the red circuit in the northeast quadrant failed, followed a couple of weeks later by the companion black circuit. Typically, our runway light circuits fail when water enters an underground connection that is



under each runway light. The water causes a partial

short-circuit that survives long enough to melt the entire connection, thus causing a complete failure. The only solution is to dig up and repair the failed connection. Of course, identifying which connection failed sometimes requires digging up several runway lights. The recent failure was under the red/clear light adjacent to the north taxiway. The lights are back in service thanks to **Terry Callum, Rick Kloeppel and John Merriman**. Although runway lighting is inspected regularly, if you notice one or more lights out, please notify the airport manager.

Turf Runway Opened on May 1

The turf runway 12/30 opened on schedule in good condition thanks help from **Rocky Cusanelli and Terry Callum**. On the Friday prior to opening, Rocky and Terry rolled the runway with the Town roller and Terry placed the runway cones. They also rolled the grass area west of runway 18/36.

Sunshine 5K Run a Success

Runners turned out in droves for the Sunshine 5K Run on Saturday, May 7. The Newport Recreation Department coordinated the event from a tent erected at the end of Runway 30 near the Covered Bridge. In an experiment to determine the best way to accommodate several dozen vehicles, participants and



spectators entered from Corbin Road and parked on the western half of Runway 12/30. The entrance was marked and the turf runway had been rolled and was dry and compact. Time will tell if automobile traffic harmed the runway, but from initial inspection, it seems the runway survived with little damage other

than flattened turf. The experiment also demonstrated that without adequate direction, drivers will create their own rules by parking off the runway, moving traffic cones, and driving on protected areas.

The runway was closed to air traffic by NOTAM for the event. Loose debris left by the participants was removed prior to re-opening the runway.

Wildlife in the Vicinity

Parlin Field is a rural airport, so we expect wildlife on and in the vicinity of the airport. This year is no exception. So far, we have observed geese, ducks, turkeys, deer, woodchucks, and even a Bittern on the runway. Certainly, there is more wildlife we have not seen. The south end of runway 18/36, in particular, is a prime spot for wildlife. The area provides critical habitat elements (food, shelter, water) and is isolated from highway traffic, pedestrians, and other activities. Except for the occasional aircraft landing or departing, there is little to disturb the wildlife. Fortunately, we have not suffered any collisions with wildlife in the past few years, although there have been some close calls.

Upcoming Events

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

- May 17** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- May 18** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- May 21** Sugar River Raft Race at the Covered Bridge. Check [NOTAMs](#).

- Jul 9** EAA Chapter 740 & Taildragger Fly-In, plus encore presentation of FAA Safety Seminar “*Can Your Airplane Really Perform?*”
- Jul ?** Runway 18/36 Paving Project (tentative). Check [NOTAMs](#) for status and closure information.
- Aug 6** Town-wide volunteer Clean-Up Day at the Airport. No airport closures expected.
- Aug 13** IAC Practice. Aerobatic box northwest of the airport. Continuing August 14. Check [NOTAMs](#) for more information.
- Aug 20** Parlin Field Airport Open House. Young Eagle and Charity flights.

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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