

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

Turf Runway Open for the Season



The turf runway 12-30 is open for the season. Because we had a mild winter and early spring, we opened the runway by NOTAM in mid-April. That NOTAM expired on May 1, coincident with the open date published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Opening and closing dates for the turf runway can be confusing. The turf runway opens May 1 and closes November 15 per the A/FD. However, if conditions are favorable and the runway can be open before May 1 or after November 15, we post a NOTAM to inform pilots that the runway is open.

Posting a NOTAM to OPEN any runway is a bit unusual, but that's the way it works if we open the runway when the A/FD indicates the runway is closed. We normally place yellow runway cones on the turf runway at the beginning of the season and remove the cones at the end of the season, so pilots have an on-field visual indication of the runway status – if the cones are in place, the runway is open for the season. However, pilots should always check NOTAMs to be certain that the runway has not been closed for a day or two during the season. Case in point: *the turf runway will be CLOSED for most of the day on Saturday, May 12* to accommodate parking for the Sunshine 5K event. Check [NOTAMs](#) for exact dates and times.

First Responder Seminar

Seventeen first responders (fire/police/EMS) from Newport and surrounding communities attended a two-

hour seminar dealing with hazards at aircraft crash sites. The seminar was held on Saturday morning, April 21. **Rick Kloeppel**, Chair of the Airport Advisory Board and **Russ Kelsea**, Airport Manager, both FAA Safety Team volunteers, presented classroom training on various aircraft systems including fuel, electric, Oxygen, anti-ice, inflatable restraints, and ballistic parachutes. Local pilots **John Merriman**, **Terry Callum** and **Rocky Cusinelli** conducted tours of various aircraft and identified the systems on each.

The training is important because some aircraft systems, such as ballistic parachutes, can cause serious injuries to first responders. Hopefully, there will never be another aircraft crash in our area, but if one occurs, we want our fire, police, and EMTs to know about hazards that may exist at aircraft crash sites so they can perform their job safely.

Spring Cleaning

Everyone seems re-energized by warmer weather and longer days. **Dave Erickson** is no exception. Frequent visitor Dino Vlahakis snapped this photo of Dave cleaning and



waxing the Cessna 180 he owns with John Merriman. We seldom see the 180 during the summer because it is normally on straight floats.

Airport Maintenance

There are several volunteer work projects in the queue for this summer season, the first of which is planting dogwoods along the Corbin Road under the approach to runway 18. On Saturday morning, May 19, members of the Town Conservation Commission along with airport volunteers and others will plant a minimum of 200 bare-root dogwoods of various varieties. Steven Roberge, UNH Cooperative

Extension Forester, will provide planting instructions and technical guidance. Volunteers will provide the labor. The State Nursery in Boscawen will provide 200 dogwoods at no cost to the Town of Newport for planting on town-owned land.

This planting project is intended to stabilize the riverbank, reduce the possibility of soil erosion into the river, and create shade and cover along the river. Over time, the dogwood plants will provide attractive permanent vegetation under the approach to runway 18. Mr. Roberge suggested dogwoods because they are well adapted to the site and their maximum height will be below the 20:1 approach slope surface, thus ensuring long-term vegetative cover along the river.

Other major projects in the queue include crack sealing on the paved runway and relocating runway threshold lights. Stay tuned for updates on these projects.

Upcoming Events

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

- May 12** Sunshine 5K Race coordination at the Covered Bridge. Turf Runway 12-30 CLOSED for vehicle parking. Pilots check [NOTAMs](#).
- May 15** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- May 16** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, location TBA.
- May 19** Airport Workday. Planting shrubs in runway 18 approach zone.
- 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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