

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

May 2014

Taking the Guess Work Out

In December 2013, Parlin Field began testing a new system from Invisible Intelligence dubbed "G.A.R.D" (General Aviation Recording Device) that allows the airport to track aircraft operations. The system records audio transmissions over the airport UNICOM frequency and averages the number of transmissions made by each aircraft and counts them as one operation.

The GARD system offers several benefits to the airport:

1. Better tracking of aircraft operations to determine average day, total monthly/annual operations and peak periods;
2. Provides a time/day stamped archive of all UNICOM transmissions for playback in the event of an aircraft incident/accident;
3. Aids in noise abatement compliance tracking;
4. A new laptop computer for the airport.

The GARD system will be used in conjunction with our current system of sign-in sheets to track local and transient aircraft operations. The GARD system is proving valuable thus far as we have gained several operations per day on average that did not use the sign-in sheet.

Eggstravaganza!

The 3rd annual Eggstravaganza took place on Friday, April 18th. The weather could not have been more perfect for flying or hunting candy. This year several fixed wing airplanes and one helicopter participated in the candy drop. Once again, the event was well attended with an estimated 200 kids.

Each year Parlin Field partners with the Newport Recreation Department to place over 1,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes throughout the turf runway. Aircraft then pass overhead and drop bags of

candy to eagerly awaiting kids. The crowd of kids and parents are held off to the side of the runway, well outside the "drop zone" until the last aircraft passes over. The kids are then released and the hunt is on!



The kids are awaiting the airplanes! Photo by Jeff Kesler.



Bombing run. A trail of candy can be seen falling. Photo by Jeff Kesler.



The kids are released. Photo by Jeff Kessler.



The helicopter was one of the highlights for the crowd. Photo by Jeff Kesler.



The kids search the turf runway for the plastic eggs filled with candy and the candy dropped by several airplanes and. There was plenty of candy for all!



Ya can't have an Easter candy hunt without the Easter Bunny!

Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at:

<http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228>

- May 20** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building
- May 21** Chillin' & Grillin', 6:00 PM, Lil' Red Baron
- June 7** New London Hospital Gala – Edmonds Aircraft Service
- June 21** Comanche Society Fly-in
- July 10-13** American Bonanza Society Maintenance clinic
- Aug 16** 14th Annual Airport Open House

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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