

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

May 2015

### Wings and Wheels

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> began with scattered clouds and low overcast to our south and east. Despite the marginal flying weather, members of the flying community as well as area residents, made it out to the Parlin Field Wings & Wheels event. The event was a success thanks in large part to Brian and Meredith Page of Page Farm in Croydon, NH and to the members of the Car Nutz Car Club.



The smell of delicious smoked and grilled chicken prepared by Page Farm permeated the air. The growl of the Car Nutz hot rods mixed with the purring of aircraft engines to the delight of many. Overall, 40 aircraft flew in and 20 antique vehicles and hot rods were present. We served 194 halves of chicken (6 away from a sellout).

The raffle for a free iPad with a donation to the Newport Food Pantry helped to raise \$142 and several boxes of donated food items for the pantry. The sale of Parlin Field t-shirts and BBQ chicken raised \$1,000 for the Newport Rotary Club and \$1,046 for Parlin Field.

Numerous donations and generosity allowed us to make this a successful event. The pictures on the following pages capture some of the days' activity.



By midafternoon the ramp was filling up



We're getting real busy!



The Car Nutz turned out some great cars despite the early start to their show season.



Great cars!



Serving up some BBQ and receiving donations for the Newport Food Pantry



A mix of Wings & Wheels



## Fire!

On the afternoon of May 14<sup>th</sup>, Parlin Field was contacted by local fire officials to help ground crews locate and determine the extent of a brush fire that was started by lightning in the Lempster area.



Two aircraft launched and quickly found the area. Aircrews were in contact with fire personnel on the ground and were able to relay the position and extent of the brush fire through air-to-ground communication and text pictures. Fifteen fire departments responded. The fire consumed six acres. The fire was one mile out from road access.



The quick response of our volunteer pilots and effective coordination of air resources is another continuing and valuable asset offered by your local general aviation airport.





## Thank You to Our Veterans

At Parlin Field, our volunteer corps is made up of veterans from each branch of service. Not only have they served our country, but they continue to serve our community here in Newport through their volunteerism at Parlin Field. They have

installed runway lights, aided in runway crack sealing, vegetation control, community hangar improvements, and the list goes on and on. It is with a heartfelt "THANK YOU" that we remember those that serve so that we can all enjoy the freedoms we have today. Again, "Thank you" to all of our Parlin Field veterans and to members of the US Armed Forces, past and present, that protect our freedoms.

## Purple Passion

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Parlin Field hosted Mr. Jim Davis of Arkansas and his kit built aircraft "Purple Passion". Mr. Davis is a four time cancer survivor with a lofty bucket list. He is on a mission to fly to each of the lower 48 states and share the joy of aviation with cancer victims/survivors by offering a free flight in his aircraft along with words of encouragement, motivation and inspiration.



His visit to New Hampshire marked his 16<sup>th</sup> state. While here, Mr. Davis took a Goshen cancer survivor on an aerial tour of the scenic Lake Sunapee region that lasted about 25 minutes. Mr. Davis, 75, departed the following day for Vermont. You can follow his story on his blog at:

<http://flyinggeminpurplepassion.blogspot.com/>



## Upcoming Events

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

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

**June 3, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin'**, 1800, Recycled Pilots hangar. Join the crew for an evening of camaraderie and good food.

**June 13, 2015 – International Comanche Society Fly-in.** Make new friends at this great annual gathering of Piper Comanche's.

**June 16, 2015 – Airport Advisory Board**, 1830, Operations Building

**June 17, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin'**, 1800, Recycled Pilots hangar. Join the crew for an evening of camaraderie and good food.

**August 3-7, 2015 – Aviation Career Education Camp.** Parlin Field will host a week long aviation camp for students in grades 6-12. We have partnered with the Newport school district and the FAA to offer up to 60 kids a chance to learn about the many careers in aviation through fun, interactive, aviation oriented activities, orientation flights and field trips.

**August 15, 2015 – Parlin Field Airport Open House.** We open up the airport with a pancake breakfast to benefit a local Boy Scout troop. Young Eagles flights are a thrill for kids ages 8-17 and are offered for free. Numerous aircraft of all sorts visit the airport throughout the day. New for this year is a BBQ. All proceeds will benefit the Zach Paroline scholarship fund which provides scholarships for kids to attend local ACE camps. We are hoping to get a T-6 Texan, and an L39 jet out to the Field this year.

**September 12, 2015 – Newport Library Arts Center (LAC).** The Newport LAC will be holding a

fundraising dance and helicopter bingo raffle at Parlin Field this year. We are still in the planning stage for this event, but we promise you won't want to miss it. What a great way to support your local library, art gallery and airport!

**December 10, 2015 – Scheduled publication date for Non-precision instrument approach procedure.** The FAA's Eastern Flight Procedures Team has scheduled a publication date of December 10, 2015 for Parlin Field to receive a day-time only GPS procedure to Runway 36. We have already begun the process to convert the runway markings for Runway 36 from a visual to non-precision instrument approach runway. The new markings will be completed in early summer 2015.

### **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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