

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport in Newport, New Hampshire November 2010

### Local Pilot Receives Award

**Harold Yanofsky**, local pilot and aviation advocate for Parlin Field, received the FAA Master Pilot Award at a ceremony held October 20, 2010 at the **Lil' Red Baron** restaurant. Harold was accompanied by his wife Ellen and more than 20 friends and colleagues at the ceremony. John Wood, FAA Safety Program Manager at the Portland, Maine Flight Standards District Office, presented the award on behalf of the FAA Administrator.

The Federal Aviation Administration awards the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by flying safely for more than 50 years. Harold's long experience in airplanes and helicopters exemplifies the the high standards to which all pilots aspire.

Harold is the second pilot at Parlin Field to receive the award. **Guy Alexander** received the Master Pilot Award in 2009.

### Obstruction Removal Underway

The final phase of tree clearing is underway on land north of the airport. The landowner's logging crew is removing all trees that penetrate the 20:1 approach slope surface in a trapezoidal area 500 feet wide at the airport end and 1068 feet wide at a point 3000 feet north of the airport along the extended runway center line. Tree removal will take several weeks to complete. While tree removal is underway, pilots should be aware that individual trees may still obstruct the approach and departure path. Some of these trees may be difficult to see, especially

the thin leaf-less branches at the top of hardwood trees. Further, mechanical harvesting equipment can eject rocks and debris a hundred feet or more through the air. Once logging operations are complete, the 20:1 slope along the runway center line will be free of obstacles, making the approach to runway 18 and departure from runway 36 much safer.

Pilots familiar with Parlin Field may remember the formidable wall of trees that existed about a year ago.



### Noise Abatement Procedures Remain in Effect

In exchange for obstruction removal conducted at the landowner's expense, Parlin Field has a noise abatement procedure designed to reduce aircraft noise over the landowner's property. Pilots should avoid flying directly over the yellow residential buildings located about 3,000 feet northwest of the airport. Specifically, pilots departing runway 36 should fly runway heading to 2,000 MSL at least 1 nautical mile beyond the end of the runway before turning left (west or southwest bound). Pilots headed east or southbound may make right turns. A full description of the procedure, with diagrams and graphics, is available on the airport website.

### Winter Operation Plan

The town highway crew removes snow from the airport runway and taxiways as soon as all the major roads have been cleared. Many times, airport snow removal occurs during the middle of the night. Pilots can get an idea of the current status of snow removal by looking at the airport webcam.

Similar to last year's practice, snow will remain on the

first 300 feet of runway 36 south of the displaced threshold. Leaving snow on the runway dramatically reduces frost heaves and makes that part of the runway usable earlier in the Spring.

The turf runway 12/30 is closed November to May as posted in the Airport/Facility Directory.

### **Upcoming Events**

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

**Nov 16** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 pm,  
Operations Building

### **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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