

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

Parlin Hangar – Safe, Clean, Secure



As reported last month, volunteers installed a new hydraulically operated hangar door on the old Parlin Field hangar. Work on the door continues.

Thanks to **Brian**

Page at **Iron Horse Roofing**, we acquired the J-channel and trim required to install the corrugated metal sheathing. **Terry Callum**, with help from **John Merriman**, **Rick Kloeppel**, and others installed the sheathing and rubber seals. All that remains are walk doors on the front and rear of the hangar for personnel access. With the hangar door installed, the hangar will be cleaner (no more dust, dirt, and debris from wind and prop blast) and tenants' aircraft will be more secure.

This is a large and powerful door. Only persons who have been trained and have a legitimate need to enter the hangar are authorized to operate the hangar door.

Wintertime at Parlin Field

Wintertime *again*?! It hardly seems possible given the fabulous flying weather we've had the past few days. Nevertheless, winter is on the way and it is time to review a few facts about winter operations at Parlin Field.

First, the Town Highway Department plows the runway, taxiways, and main ramp. Since we are a VFR-only airport, there is little reason to plow while winter storms are in progress and the weather is below VFR minimums. That said, Town crews try to plow as soon as is practicable after the storm. Many times, that means plowing during overnight or early morning hours. If the storm is timed just right (wrong?), crews may not plow the runway until mid-morning the next

day which means we could have brilliant sunshine the morning after the storm and the runway is not yet plowed. Pilots should check [NOTAMs](#), or the Parlin Field website for a webcam view of the ramp looking west.

Second, we try to keep NOTAMs up-to-date so pilots have an accurate picture of field conditions. Of course, there is always some delay in posting NOTAMs, and many conditions don't translate well in NOTAM contractions. However, the guiding principle is to keep the airport open as much as possible, describe conditions as best we can, and let pilots decide if the airport is suitable for their operation. In other words, pilots should not assume everything is fine. Many times, experienced pilots call the airport to inquire about field conditions – we welcome those calls.

Finally, if you see something that needs attention, whether a change in NOTAM or a required maintenance action on the airport, please contact the airport manager.

Parlin Weather and Webcam

For many pilots, the on-line [weather](#) and [webcam](#) are an invaluable resource. Although the airport weather is not “official” and won't be found in any METARs, it certainly gives pilots an idea about current conditions as well as trends over the past several hours. The webcam image, looking westerly across the main ramp towards the runway, is updated every few minutes and can help pilots determine whether morning fog lifted or the runway was plowed. A note of caution, however. Always check the date/time stamp on the weather and webcam pages. If the power fails or the airport computer goes down (not uncommon), the remote web server will continue to provide the last weather and image pages – even if they are several hours old.

Turf Runway to be Closed for Winter

As noted in the [Airport/Facility Directory](#), the turf runway 12/30 is closed from November 15 through May 1. We make every attempt to keep the turf

runway open as long as possible, however the runway may be closed earlier by NOTAM. If the runway cones are removed, the runway is closed.

South 300 to be Closed for Winter

The southern most 300 feet of pavement on runway 18/36 is not plowed during the winter to reduce frost heaving and

help preserve integrity of the pavement for as long as possible.

When landing on runway 36, the threshold is displaced 300 feet from the end of the pavement, so

nothing south of the displaced

threshold is plowed during the winter. Watch for snowbanks at the runway 36 threshold. That leaves 3,150 feet available for takeoff and landing on 36; 3,150 feet for takeoff and 2,750 for landing on 18. Watch for a NOTAM announcing the closure.



Approach end of runway 36. Scene from last winter.

Lil' Red Baron restaurant

The Lil' Red Baron is one of the region's favorite fly-in restaurants. Located less than 250 feet from the main ramp, the Lil' Red Baron features Mexican specialties along with menu items for more traditional New England tastes. Open for dinner six nights a week. Lunch on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Closed all day Monday.

Upcoming Events

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

Nov 15 Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.

Nov 15 Turf Runway 12/30 closes for the winter (per A/FD, check [NOTAMs](#) for earlier closure).

Nov 16 Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Lil' Red Baron.

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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