

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

Rain, Rain, No More



Local pilots **John Merriman**, **Terry Callum** and Airport Manager, **Rick Kloeppe** secured several pieces of metal sheathing to the top of the aircraft storage hangar, providing a watertight seal along the ridge. Funds for the job were secured from the hangar restoration fund. Future projects include additional roof repair and window replacement.

The hangar, built in 1929, remains largely the same since its original construction. Recent improvements include a new concrete floor and a hydraulically operated door, added this past year. The hangar currently houses 7 general aviation aircraft.

New Airport Managers

Monday, October 22nd marked the last day as Airport Manager of Parlin Field for **Russ Kelsea**. Russ accomplished several major tasks during his time as manager including obstruction removal on the approach to Runway 18 and the repair and resurfacing of Runway 18-36. Russ's accomplishments added greatly to the safety of operations at Parlin Field.

New Airport Managers **Heath Marsden** and **Rick Kloeppe** will be overseeing the daily operations and maintenance of Parlin Field. Both Heath and Rick are long-time members of the Parlin Field community and each has an extensive aviation background.

Heath is a senior aviation planner with a large aviation planning/engineering firm and also serves as a member on the governor appointed Aviation Users Advisory Board. Heath owns and operates a 1958 Aircoupe which is hangared at Parlin Field.

Rick, a retired American Airlines captain, has been involved in aviation in various capacities for the last 50 years. Rick began his aviation career as a flight instructor and finished his professional flying as a Captain on Boeing 767's after 32 years at three airlines. Rick owns and operates a 2001 Maule and a 1947 Cessna 120 which he restored in his hangar at Parlin Field.

Both Heath and Rick have a longstanding love of Parlin Field and the characteristics which make the airport one of the quaintest airports in New England.

Northern Exposure



Scott Christy and wife June took advantage of some great fall weather and low fuel prices at Parlin Field while taking a flying adventure in their 1983 Maule from Anchorage, Alaska to Belfast, Maine for a family event. The Christy's spent several nights camped out at Parlin Field. During their stay they took advantage of extensive bicycle friendly trails, meals at the Lil' Red Baron, and enjoyed quaint downtown Newport. Our airport operations building provided the couple with a great place to relax and chat with local pilots while planning the next stages of their journey which will take them from Newport to Michigan, and ultimately home to Anchorage.

Airport Maintenance

Local pilot **Terry Callum**, **Lou Edmonds**, owner/operator of Edmonds Aircraft Service, and Airport Managers **Heath Marsden** and **Rick Kloeppel** spent several hours cleaning out a large box culvert from beaver pilings. The culvert, which runs underneath the width of paved Runway 18-36, provides drainage of the Sugar River.



Maintaining the culvert ensures the integrity of the runway surface and helps to alleviate flooding of the south end of Runway 18-36.



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-feet of Runway 36 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 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 Runway 36; 3,150 feet takeoff and 2,750 feet for landing on Runway 18. Watch for a NOTAM announcing the closure.

Upcoming Events

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

- Nov 15** Turf Runway 12-30 closes for the winter (per A/FD, check NOTAMs for earlier closure).
- Nov 20** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- Nov 21** 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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