

## News and Events at the Parlin Field Airport, Newport, New Hampshire October 2009

### Town Reaches Agreement to Remove Trees

On September 10, the Town of Newport entered into an agreement with William B. Ruger, Jr. (landowner)

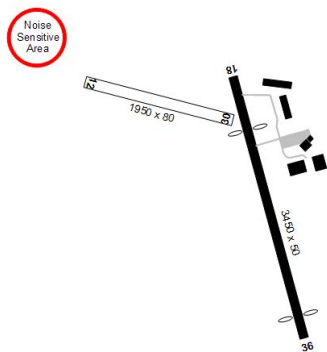


to remove trees at the approach end to runway 18. Trees penetrating the 20:1 approach surface will be removed in two phases. The first phase, to be

completed within 90 days, includes trees within a rectangular area 125 feet either side of the runway centerline and extending northerly along the centerline for 1000 feet from the current end of the runway. The second phase, to be completed within the next year, includes trees within an area 250 either side of the centerline beginning at the old runway end and extending northerly along the centerline for 3000 feet, terminating at a width of 534 feet either side of the center line.

### Noise Abatement Procedure

As a result of the Town's agreement to remove trees at the north end of the airport, Parlin Field now has a noise abatement procedure. The procedure is intended to reduce noise over the noise sensitive area located 3000 feet northwest of the airport. Pilots should avoid overflight of this area, especially during departure when operating at high power and high RPM settings. Specifically, pilots departing runway 36 should maintain runway heading to 2000 MSL and at least 1 nm beyond the departure end of the runway before turning left.



### New Paint on Runway 36

Thanks to volunteer help and overtime work from several town employees, the south 600 feet of runway 36 finally has freshly painted numbers, a displaced threshold bar, and other markings. On Saturday, September



19, **Jim Callum, John Merriman, Rick Kloeppel, and Terry Callum** laid out chalk lines defining the markings according to FAA standards. Painting was postponed until Monday evening the 21<sup>st</sup> due to adverse wind and temperature conditions. Mike Pouliot, NH Bureau of Aeronautics, approved the markings during his inspection of the airport on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Legislative Update

Two bills have been introduced in the State Legislature that will, if passed, significantly affect New Hampshire airports, and Parlin Field in particular.

LSR 2010-H-2581-L proposes to establish an aviation fund for exclusive use in construction and maintenance of public use airports. No new taxes are proposed. Only existing revenues from the aviation fuel tax, aircraft registration fees, and aircraft operation fees will be directed into this fund.

LSR 2010-H-2629-L provides 80% state matching funds for infrastructure projects such as runway rehabilitation at non-federal airports. Parlin Field is a non-federal airport.

If passed, this legislation will put all aviation fuel tax revenue (approximately \$300,000) and all registration fees (approximately \$1 Million minus \$250,000 that is returned to airports) into a fund which the Bureau of Aeronautics will make available to non-federally supported airports for runway rehabilitation, obstruction clearing, and other maintenance projects.

The Town of Newport will benefit greatly from this legislation. The runway at Parlin Field has exceeded its useful lifespan and will need complete replacement in 5 to 7 years. Under the proposed legislation, the aviation fund would cover 80% of rehabilitation cost, with Newport's share limited to 20% of the cost.

### Latest Invention

For years, the fuel nozzle has been hanging from a bracket on the side of the pump. The pump bracket worked, but many pilots laid the nozzle on the ground when rewinding the hose. In an attempt to protect the nozzle and make rewinding more convenient, **Terry Callum** invented a more flexible nozzle holder. Let us know how it works for you.



### Where's Waldo?



The airport was closed for the *Run What Ya' Brung* event on September 12. In preparation for the event, we attempted to protect this aircraft by moving it into the

community hangar. However, the transient pilot who had landed a couple of days earlier set the brakes, locked the aircraft, and failed to leave any local contact information. We had no option other than to rope-off the airplane and surround it with vehicles for

protection. The *Run What Ya' Brung* event is a fundraiser for the community and generally attracts a large crowd.

### Crack Sealing Equipment

Volunteers **Harold Yanofsky**, **Rick Kloeppel**, and **Jim Callum** traveled to Mount Washington Regional airport in Whitefield on Friday, October 2 to help airport manager Russ Kelsea move crack sealing equipment and 900 pounds of sealing compound to Parlin Field. The NH Bureau of Aeronautics owns the equipment and makes it available to airports for runway maintenance. Crack sealing is scheduled for this month, weather permitting.

### Upcoming Events

- Oct 7** Chill & Grill. 6:00 PM. Location TBD. Sponsored by Recycled Pilots, LLC.
- Oct 20** Airport Advisory Board meeting. 6:30 PM. Operations Building.
- Oct 21** Chill & Grill. 6:00 PM. Location TBD. Sponsored by Recycled Pilots, LLC.

### About Parlin Field

The Parlin Field is owned and operated by the Town of Newport, New Hampshire. It is a community airport that enjoys support from pilots, tenants, stakeholders, and the community at large. It does not receive Federal funds.

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