

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

Airport Open House and Fly-In

The 9th Annual Airport Open House and Fly-In was held as scheduled on Saturday, August 22. Cool, showery, overcast weather discouraged all but one intrepid pilot who flew into the event from Hawthorn Feather airport. Nevertheless, the event was well attended by many local people who drove to the airport to enjoy a pancake breakfast, inspect the airport facilities and visit with local pilots. Thanks to **Shaw's Supermarkets, McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance, Ben Crowell**, and other contributors who provided prizes and other support which made the open house possible.

Local Pilots donate Scenic Rides



Raffle winner **Chris Aldrich** (in photo) and his granddaughter, Bella, about 6:30 pm on September 4, shortly after they returned from their flight with **Rick Kloeppel** in the Maule. Rick says "the flight lasted nearly an hour...I think I was having even more fun than

Chris...and he was really stoked! Bella, who was very "busy" when they arrived, was stone silent during the flight! I had her up on three cushions so her visibility was not limited in any way and she was actively looking out." Great ride on a great evening.

John Merriman also donated a scenic ride for this year's Airport Open House raffle. Both Rick and John have donated scenic rides for charitable causes at other times.

Community Hangar Restoration Fund

The community hangar, a landmark in the Town of Newport, needs significant work in order to maintain its structural integrity. Several of the vertical steel

supports are nearly rusted through at the base and need new steel footings fabricated and welded in place. The floor needs to be removed, graded, and finished with concrete, the roof needs to be patched in a few places, the windows need to be reconditioned, and the hangar doors, long since removed, need to be



replaced. Finally, the entire structure needs to be cleaned and painted.

The objective of the restoration project is to restore structural integrity and improve utility of the old hangar in a manner consistent with its original style. **Roberta Callum** donated a collection of personal photos that document the original hangar construction during 1928-1929. These photos are on display in the Operations Building.

The Community Hangar Restoration Fund was created by the Town of Newport for the purpose of receiving tax-deductible contributions for the restoration of the hangar. To date, the fund has received more than \$5,000 in charitable contributions. The Town can provide IRS documentation and handle contribution details as necessary.

Camping Available on the Field

Primitive camping is available in the trees west of 18/36 and on the grass south of 12/30 for pilots who fly into the airport. There are no specially prepared camp sites and campers must observe the obstruction free zone 125 feet from the 18/36 centerline. Fires are prohibited unless expressly approved by written permit. More information is available on the camping procedures sheet in the Operations Building or online at the Parlin Field [website](#).

Work continues on Lease Area B

Foundations are in, most of the earthwork is complete and steel is being erected for the new hangar on Lease Area B. Although the construction crane barely exceeded the height of nearby trees, we posted a NOTAM for a 110 foot crane, 600 feet east of runway 18/36 while the heavy construction was underway.



Open House Raffle Winners

All proceeds from the Open House raffle benefit the Community Hangar Restoration fund.

- Steve Touchette won the **50/50 raffle**. Steve returned his winnings to Hangar Restoration Fund.
- Nadine Cutler won the **Lil' Red Baron** gift certificate.
- Steve Touchette won the **Hubert's** gift certificate.
- Anna Seymour won the **Country Kitchen Restaurant** gift certificate.
- Jon Gavin won the **MJ Harrington** gift certificate.
- Chris Aldrich won the **scenic ride with Rick Kloeppel** in the Maule.
- Anna Seymour won the **scenic ride with John Merriman** in the Mooney.
- Dawn Ranney won the wall clock donated by **Aubuchon Hardware**.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 2** Grilling & Chilling hosted by Recycled Pilots, LLC. 6:00 PM. Bring your own food, they provide the grill.
- Sept 12** Airport Closed for the *Run What You Brung* community fund-raiser event (check NOTAMs)
- Sept 15** Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM, Operations Building (open to anyone with an interest in Parlin Field)
- Sept 16** Grilling & Chilling hosted by Recycled Pilots, LLC. 6:00 PM. Bring your own food, they provide the grill.

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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