

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

10th Annual Fly-In and Open House



Mark your calendar – Saturday, September 18 – for the Parlin Field 10th Annual Fly-In. This year's event is dedicated to helping the local community understand and enjoy their airport. Docents will

provide guided tours to anyone interested in seeing hangars and airplanes, learning about airport revenue and expenses, and understanding the various uses and management of the airport property. Local pilots will provide free Young Eagle flights for youth ages 8 through 17. Local pilots will also sell community benefit airplane rides for adults the proceeds of which will benefit the Parlin Hangar Restoration Project. A commercial operator will be selling rides in an old-style Bell 47 Helicopter (remember the M.A.S.H. television show?) over downtown Newport. The pancake breakfast starts at 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to network with the local community.

Councilor Ray Burton Visits Parlin Field

Executive Councilor Burton visited Parlin Field on Wednesday, August 18 during his annual tour of New Hampshire airports. This year, Councilor Burton wanted to see first-hand the riverbank erosion at the south end of runway 18/36. In addition to the riverbank issues, Councilor Burton was well-versed and interested in other issues critical to Parlin Field. Some of these issues include State funding opportunities and limitations, and status of HB 1506 which proposes a dedicated aeronautical fund to assure that taxes and fees paid by aviation users are directed to aeronautical purposes.

Geese in the Vicinity

In recent weeks, six geese adopted Parlin Field as their

favorite resting and feeding spot. We tried chasing the geese, but many times they simply moved from one end of the airport to the other. The USDA Wildlife Service recommended installing a “terror-eye” balloon and using a pyrotechnic gun to scare the geese from the airport. The geese spent time loafing around the balloon, but the screech-bang pyrotechnics certainly motivated the flock! Nevertheless, we still see geese on the airport.

Other wildlife are occasional visitors to the airport, including turkeys and deer, both of which have been seen on the runway during the day.

Hangar Improvements Attract Renters

The recently completed concrete floor significantly brightened the interior lighting of the original hangar and dramatically improved its



overall appearance. Pilots seeking to protect their airplanes certainly noticed the improved conditions. One local pilot immediately reserved a spot for the winter months, and visiting pilots are requesting overnight hangar space more frequently than in the past. At this point, tenants are still paying the old rates for hangar space, but these rates are likely to increase when hangar renovation is complete.

Work is currently underway to install a one-piece hydraulically-operated hangar door. The door will provide enclosed storage for aircraft, increasing security and protecting aircraft from wind, dust, debris, and wildlife. The hangar door is scheduled for installation this fall.

Volunteers are renovating the old hangar using donated funds. The entire project is being done at no cost to the Town. Contributions may be tax deductible and

funds are still needed to complete the hangar door and apply sealant to the concrete floor. Additional renovation work is planned for next year.

Fuel Sales Highest Ever!

Parlin Field sold 4,333 gallons of AvGas during August, the highest monthly fuel sales since tabulation began in 2001. The second highest month was July 2006 with 3,907 gallons.

The increase in fuel sales is consistent with an increase in aircraft operations at the airport. During summer months, fewer than half of the operations are due to locally based aircraft – most operations are itinerant aircraft buying fuel, stopping for lunch or dinner at the Lil' Red Baron or other restaurants, visiting friends and relatives, or vacationing in the Lake Sunapee area.

Online Weather is Back in Service

Loyal users of the online Parlin Field weather know the basic weather information is finally available and updated every 10 minutes. We are still working on putting the webcam back in service. The webcam is especially popular with pilots planning early morning flights. On many occasions Parlin Field has clear skies and good visibility when Lebanon and Springfield are fogged-in, but the only way to know for certain is to look on the webcam.

Medical Airlift

Twice in the past month, Parlin Field served as a landing site for the DHART helicopter. The airport serves individuals and the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is a safe and effective transfer point for severely injured and critically ill patients.

Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on

events <http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228>

- Sep 8** Airport Advisory Board. 6:30 PM. Operations Building.
- Sep 10** Granite State Airport Management Association. 10:00 AM.
- Sep 15** Chill & Grill. Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- Sep 18** 10th Annual Fly-In and Airport Open House. Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagle Flights, Aircraft Rides for Adults, Guided Tours of the Airport. Starts at 8:00 AM.
- Sep 22** FAA Safety Team, [CFI Workshop](#). 6:00 PM at Recycled Pilots Hangar 1.
- Sep 25** AIRPORT CLOSED for the *Run What Ya' Brung* community event. Pilots check [NOTAMS](#) for exact closure times.
- Oct 7-10** American Bonanza Society Service Clinic at Edmonds Aircraft Service.
- Oct 10** Newport Fire Department DHART Procedures Training. 9:30 AM.

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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