

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

### Airport Open House a Grand Success!



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Airport Open House and Fly-In, held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, attracted hundreds of visitors to the airport. The day began with **Heath Marsden and family** serving a

traditional pancake and sausage breakfast followed by a variety of airport events.

At the north end of the airport, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 740, based in Lebanon, conducted a Young Eagles Rally for youth ages 8-17. Eleven EAA pilots, assisted by Chapter ground crews, flew 31 flights, giving 58 kids a free ride in an airplane.

At mid-field, local pilots **Louis Edmonds, Russ Kelsea, Rick Kloeppel, and John Merriman** flew 25 community



benefit flights, providing scenic rides to 48 passengers who donated a minimum of \$15 each. Scenic flights are not normally available at Parlin Field, but these flights were conducted under a special provision in the Federal Aviation Regulations. Although hazy, the stable air was ideal for flying passengers south to the Lempster wind turbines, northeast over Lake Sunapee and back to the airport.

The highlight of the day arrived mid-morning when the New Hampshire National Guard Blackhawk helicopter landed at mid-field for static display. Local residents know the med-evac helicopter is an occasional visitor

to Parlin Field for training missions, sometimes at night for night-vision training. Everyone was excited to see



the helicopter up-close and learn more about the helicopter and National Guard mission.

At the end of the day, the airport recorded more than 150 operations – nearly one takeoff or landing every two minutes during the busy part of the day.

### Airport Survives Hurricane Irene



The south 800 feet of runway 18/36 flooded, but the airport escaped major damage from hurricane Irene. The flood left two large logs, plus smaller debris and sediment on runway. The south 800 feet of runway 18/36 was closed

until the flood water receded. After debris was removed the south 600 feet remained closed until the runway was again safe for operation.



### Executive Councilor Burton Visits Airport

Governor's Executive Councilor Ray Burton visited Parlin Field on Thursday, August 25, during his annual airport tour. Councilor Burton commended the Town of Newport for recent improvements to the airport, and received input regarding the importance of the recently enacted NH Aeronautical Fund. This new fund will eventually make money available to the Town for airport maintenance and improvements.

## IAC Aerobatic Practice



The New England Aerobatic Club (NEAC), International Aerobatic Chapter 35 based in Nashua, held a practice session at Parlin Field on

Saturday, August 13. The Federal Aviation Administration established the Aerobatic Box northwest of the airport and issued the Waiver Conditions to the NEAC. The Aerobatic Club conducted the event. Local visitors to the airport had an opportunity to see aerobatic aircraft up-close and talk with pilots. Several NOTAMs were issued for the event.

## Work Projects Still Demand Attention

It has been a busy summer, but we're not done yet!

The new pavement on runway 18/36 increased the height of the pavement above the adjacent turf, leaving a significant “drop-off” at the pavement edge. We need to fill, grade, and seed along both sides of the new pavement as soon as is practicable; not only for safety reasons, but also to provide support to the pavement edges.

Tree removal north of the airport eliminated obstructions to the approach surface, and paving the runway gave us an opportunity to move the displaced threshold. Now, we need to move the Runway 18 threshold lights to match the new displaced threshold.

The south 600 feet of runway 18/36 was not re-paved and still requires crack sealing. Equipment and material are on-site, but the work remains to be done.

And finally, our vendor for the hangar door, Schweiss,

has informed us that they will ship the hangar door on September 19. We can look forward to a major effort in hanging the new door on the historic Parlin Hangar soon after the door arrives.

Much of the work at Parlin Field is performed by volunteers – the heart and soul that makes Parlin Field unique.

## Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at [www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228](http://www.newportnh.net/index.php?nav=228)

**Sep 20** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.

**Sep 21** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.

## 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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