

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

New Runway Wins Rave Reviews



Looking south along the resurfaced runway with new markings for runway 18.

repairs and resurfacing of runway 18/36, which dramatically improved the utility and safety of the runway by eliminating cracks, debris, and uneven surfaces.

The recently completed project concludes more than a year's worth of effort by the Airport Advisory Board and local officials. Work began in early 2010 with a complete technical inventory of the existing runway, which revealed that 46% of the runway was in poor condition. After evaluating all the facts and exploring available options, the Board recommended repairs and resurfacing of the north 2,850 feet of the runway. The Board also recommended deferring action on the south 600 feet of the runway due to the more extensive work required for that part of the runway.

The contractor, R&D Paving of Franklin, began work on Tuesday, July 12. One crew cleaned, torched, and filled cracks and placed geotextile fabric on all the major cracks. Another crew excavated sections of failed runway pavement, recompacted



Repairs to a failed section of the runway.

“Wow! This is my new favorite airport!” That's the reaction from one Vermont pilot who flew into Parlin Field with his family for dinner at the Lil' Red Baron restaurant. Local and transient pilots alike praised the

the subgrade, and replaced the base course prior to paving. A third crew expanded the north turn-around to better accommodate low-wing aircraft.

On Wednesday, the paving crew placed the shim course on the runway. The shim leveled the existing irregular surface and providing a suitable course for the final overlay, which was paved on Thursday.

Two weeks later, Advisory Board members **John Merriman** and **Rick Kloeppe**, and airport manager **Russ Kelsea** along with several other volunteers, laid out the runway markings according to FAA standards.

The Town Highway crew painted the markings. Layout and paint is surprisingly expensive, and performing the work locally generated substantial savings in the overall project.

Funding for the project came from several sources, including airport tenants who paid ground leases in advance, airport capital reserve funds, and airport funds encumbered for this purpose. The project has no net effect on Newport taxpayers, but is expected to generate economic benefits to Newport and surrounding communities due to increased visitor traffic.

Hangar Restoration Update

A new door has been ordered for the historic Parlin Field Hangar and is scheduled for delivery in about 6 weeks. The one-piece, hydraulically-operated door is 12 high and 58 feet wide to fit the 12 foot by 60 foot opening in the hangar. The one-piece design will preserve nearly all of the 12 foot height necessary to



Painting an arrowhead for the displaced threshold.

accommodate typical aircraft.

Once the door is in place, the hangar will provide clean and secure storage for six to seven airplanes. The hangar is currently full, but space may become available at any time. Pilots who want to rent hangar space should contact the airport manager and place their name on the waiting list. Tenants pay a monthly rental fee to the Town of Newport.

EAA Fly-In & Pilot Proficiency Seminar

EAA Chapter 740 held its annual Fly-In Barbeque on July 23, a week after the runway was paved. Concurrent with the Fly-In, FAA Safety Team volunteers and flight instructors **Rick Kloeppe**, **Russ Kelsea**, and **John Merriman** presented a pilot proficiency seminar dealing with aircraft performance, focusing on the effects of weight and balance and other factors on aircraft takeoff and landing distances and climb gradients. These are important factors at smaller airports with shorter runways, surrounding terrain, and trees or other obstructions. After the seminar, pilots were encouraged to fly their airplanes and compare the airplane's book performance with its actual performance. Both runways at Parlin Field had been temporarily marked for this purpose.

Saturday, August 20 – Airport Open House

This year's Airport Open House promises to be a busy event. EAA Chapter 740 will be providing free Young Eagle flights for youth ages 8-17. In addition to the Young Eagles flights, we are planning to offer paid scenic flights to anyone, youth or adult. The fee for these flights has not yet been determined, but all proceeds will benefit the Parlin Field Hangar Restoration Project. Other activities include a pancake breakfast, airport tours, and aircraft displays. Many folks know that the National Guard uses Parlin Field for helicopter training. We filed a request with the Guard to park the helicopter at Parlin Field for the Open House. No word yet on whether they will satisfy our request.

Community Support Project

On Saturday, August 6, nearly 200 community volunteers dedicated most of their day to working

along the Corbin Road in the vicinity of the airport. They picked up trash, trimmed brush, and made several improvements to the small park adjacent to the river just north of the airport. They also cleared a trail in the woods from the picnic area at the Covered Bridge along the Sugar River to the midpoint of the hayfield south of the turf runway. This trail provides safe and convenient access to pedestrians who walk along the airport perimeter.

Upcoming Events

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

- Aug 9** Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 PM, Operations Building.
- Aug 13** IAC Aerobatic Practice. Aerobatic box northwest of the airport. Rain date Aug 14. Check [NOTAMS](#)
- Aug 17** Chill & Grill, 6:00 PM, Recycled Pilots Hangar.
- Aug 20** Parlin Field Airport Open House. Pancake Breakfast. Young Eagle and Community flights.

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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