

News and Events at the Paiiin 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.

"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

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, recompactd *runway.*



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 overall project.



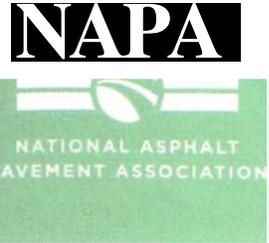
Painting an arrowhead for the displaced threshold. the

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

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R&D PAVING INC. WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR QUALITY IN ASPHALT PAVING

Lanham, Md. — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today that R&D Paving Inc. of Franklin, N.H., has won a 2013 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The company received its award on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at a ceremony during the association's 59th Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Fla.

"As an industry, asphalt pavement producers have devoted a great deal of time and effort to determining the best practices necessary to construct long-lasting, high-quality asphalt pavements that offer the durable performance pavement owners and the public value. The Quality in Construction Awards compare nominated pavements against best practices and standards, and honor those that exemplify excellence in construction standards, such as the project completed by R&D Paving Inc.," stated John J. Keating, 2013 Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors.

R&D Paving Inc. won the award for its work on the runway at Parlin Field Airport in Newport, N.H. Before work began, 46 percent of the runway was deemed to be in poor condition. Three crews helped eliminate cracks, remove debris, and smooth uneven runway surfaces. The first crew repaired cracks, placing geotextile fabric on the ones needing major repair. The second crew excavated sections of failed pavement, recompacted the subgrade, and replaced the base course prior to paving. The third crew expanded the runway's north turnaround to better accommodate low-wing aircraft. A leveling course was placed prior to the final overlay. The entire project was deemed a success for the local community.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as members, was founded in 1955.