

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

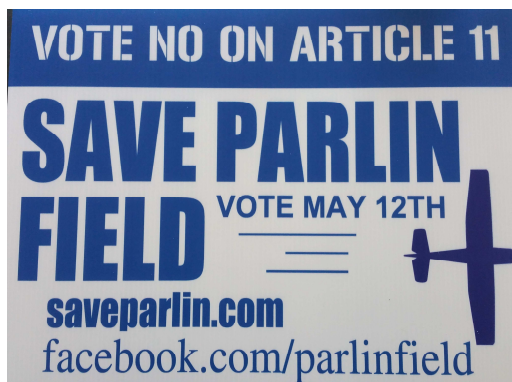
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The Message was Clear

Overwhelming support for Parlin Field was exhibited at the Town of Newport Deliberative Session held on April 7, 2015. About 88 people showed up at the session to make their voices heard regarding the warrant articles that will be voted on by secret ballot on May 12th. This year the airport was the hot topic of discussion.

Weeks prior to the April 7th Deliberative Session, several members of the community circulated a petition for a warrant article to sell Parlin Field. The petition was signed by 74 registered Newport voters and was entered as Article 11.

We began an extensive campaign to counter misinformation about the airport. We visited neighbors, distributed fact sheets, conducted radio and newspaper interviews, and met with community organizations.



The hard work paid off. After Article 11 was read during the deliberative session, supporter after supporter of Parlin Field stepped up to the microphone to make their voice heard. Each time a Parlin Field supporter stepped away from the podium, applause thundered through the auditorium.

The Article was discussed for nearly two and a half hours. It went through several amendments, including one that would lead to a lease of the airport. Thanks to

the actions of Mary Schissel, a North Newport resident, the warrant article was finally amended to read “explore the option to sell, lease, or retain...” rather than the much dreaded “sale” of the airport.

The support for Parlin Field demonstrated that night by Newporters was inspiring and heartfelt. We hope that will be reflected in the vote on May 12th. We would like to extend a special thank you to Collin and Tracey Murray and Andy Watson for purchasing the “Vote No On Article 11” yard signs pictured at left as well as setting up the Save Parlin website. The website can be found at: <http://www.saveparlin.com/>

As a “thank you” to our supporters, we have organized a Wings and Wheels event to benefit members of the community as discussed below.



BBQ chicken, hot rods, classic airplanes and low fuel prices - what a great way to kick off the 2015 flying season! Join us here at Parlin Field on Saturday, May 9th from 11am to 3pm for our Wings and Wheels event. Bring an item for the Newport Food Pantry and be entered into a raffle for a free iPad.

We'll be thanking the first 50 Newporter's that show up with a free Parlin Field t-shirt. For \$7 you can grab a ½ BBQ chicken and beverage and wander through the hot rods and classic cars on display from the Car Nutz car club. We'll have Parlin Field t-shirts for purchase at a great price of \$15 per shirt. All proceeds

will be split between Parlin Field and Newport Rotary.

Upcoming Events

Visit the Parlin Field website for more information on events at:

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

May 6, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin', 1800, Salt Hill Pub. Join the crew for an evening of camaraderie and good food.

May 9, 2015 – Wings & Wheels Event, 11am-3pm, Come get your BBQ on! Proceeds from BBQ chicken lunch and t-shirt sales benefit the Newport Rotary Club and Parlin Field. Bring a nonperishable food item and enter into a raffle to win a free iPad.

May 19, 2015 – Airport Advisory Board, 1830, Operations Building

May 20, 2015 – Chillin' & Grillin', 1800, Salt Hill Pub.

June 13, 2015 – International Comanche Society Fly-in. Make new friends at this great annual gathering of Piper Comanche's.

August 3-7, 2015 – Aviation Career Education Camp. Parlin Field will host a week long aviation camp for students in grades 6-12. We have partnered with the Newport school district and the FAA to offer up to 60 kids a chance to learn about the many careers in aviation through fun, interactive, aviation oriented activities, orientation flights and field trips.

August 15, 2015 – Parlin Field Airport Open House. We open up the airport with a pancake breakfast to benefit a local Boy Scout troop. Young Eagles flights are a thrill for kids ages 8-17 and are offered for free. Numerous aircraft of all sorts visit the airport throughout the day. New for this year is a BBQ. All proceeds will benefit the Zach Paroline scholarship fund which provides scholarships for kids to attend local ACE camps. We are hoping to get a T-6 Texan, and an L39 jet out to the Field this year.

September 12, 2015 – Newport Library Arts Center (LAC). The Newport LAC will be holding a fundraising dance and helicopter bingo raffle at Parlin Field this year. We are still in the planning stage for this event, but we promise you won't want to miss it.

What a great way to support your local library, art gallery and airport!

December 10, 2015 – Scheduled publication date for Non-precision instrument approach procedure. The FAA's Eastern Flight Procedures Team has scheduled a publication date of December 10, 2015 for Parlin Field to receive a day-time only GPS procedure to Runway 36. We have already begun the process to convert the runway markings for Runway 36 from a visual to non-precision instrument approach runway. The new markings will be completed in early summer 2015.

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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