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**As the Beacon Turns
Manager's Report
December 2014 & January 2015**

1. Upcoming events

- **Airport Advisory Committee Meeting – 7:30am January 13th, 2015**
The agenda and more details can be found online [here](#).
- **Women Interested in Aviation Day**

Women Interested in Aviation Day
Saturday, March 7, 2015 10 am - 3 pm
Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport
199 Airport Road, Sanford ME 04073

Join us for a free day of hands-on learning about aviation science, women in aviation history, careers in aviation, free airplane rides (first come, first served, weather permitting), open planes and more!

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For questions or additional information, please contact 99s.aviationevents@gmail.com
 Girl Scout Troops are kindly asked to RSVP via e-mail by Friday, February 6, 2015 in order to receive a participation patch

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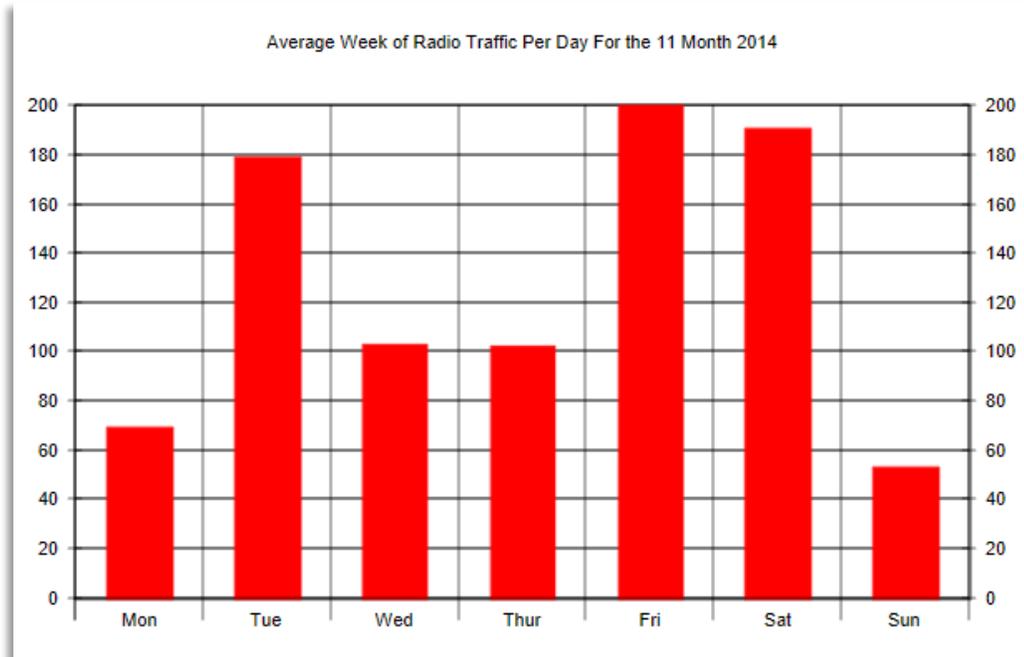
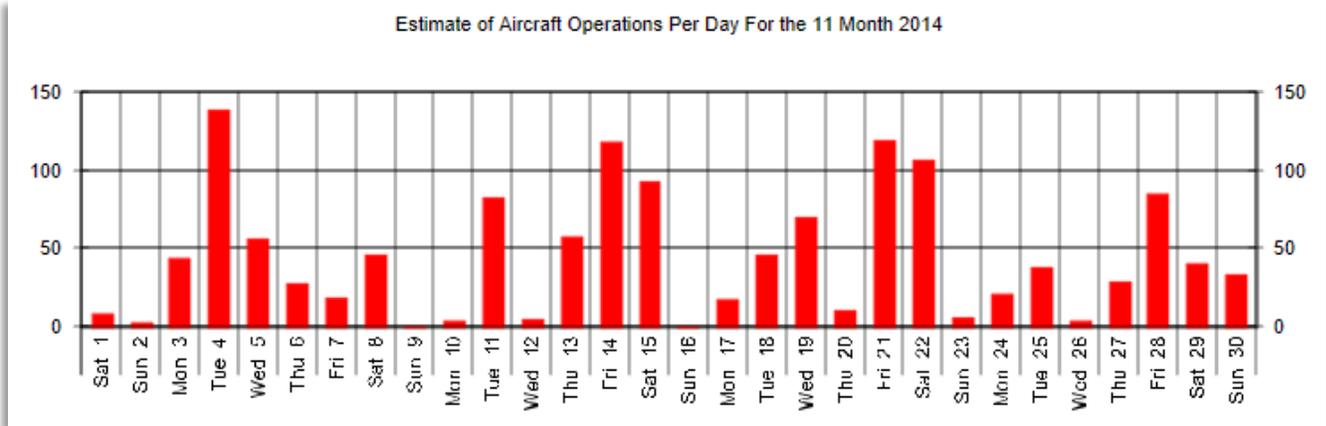
ALL ARE WELCOME

All participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to benefit organizations within the community of Sanford.

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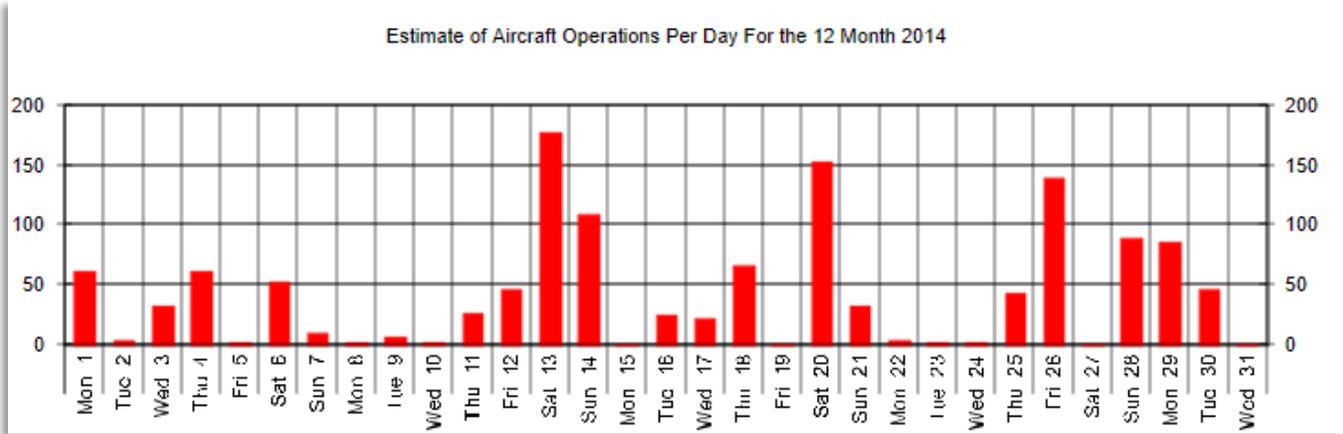
2. GARD Report for November 2014

In November estimated operations totaled 1,314 with the average transmission being 3 seconds in length. Recorded radio transmissions totaled 900 minutes. The average busiest day throughout the month was Friday while Sunday was typically the slowest.

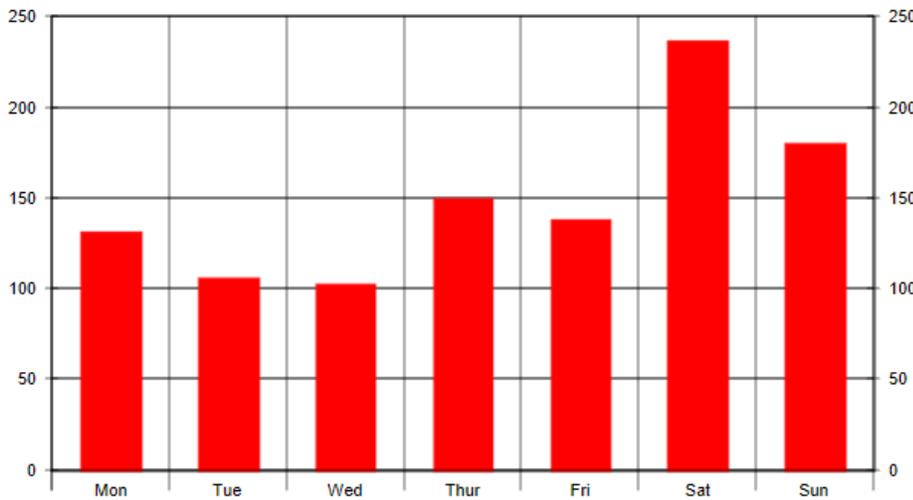


3. GARD Report for December 2014

In December estimated operations totaled 1,272 with the average transmission being 3 seconds in length.

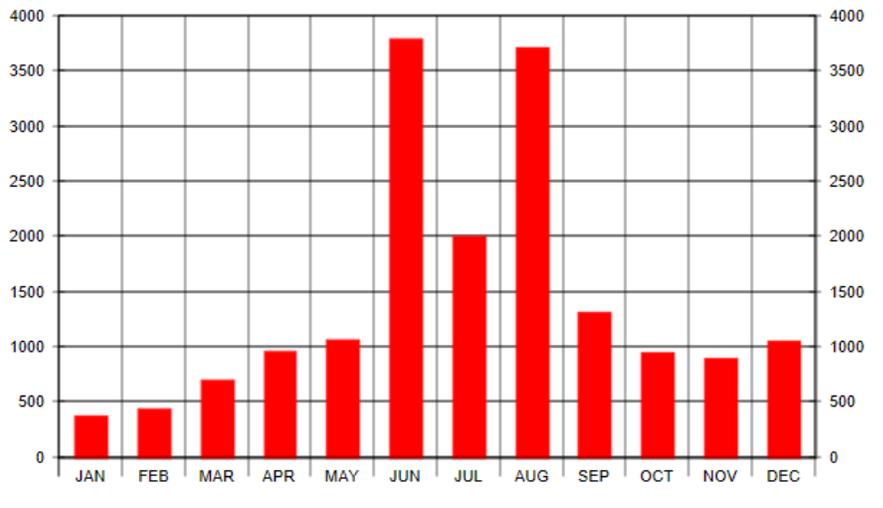


Average Week of Radio Traffic Per Day For the 12 Month 2014



As with November, Saturday was the busiest day on average throughout the month.

Minutes of Radio Traffic Per Month 2014



4. 2014 GARD REPORT

Estimated operations for 2014 based on the GARD system totaled 24,948. This is significantly less than the 70,000 operations reported in years past, but still an appreciable number of operations for a general aviation airport.

This was our first full year of monitoring radio operations with the GARD system and it will be interesting and helpful in the future to look back year to year and compare activity levels.

5. AOPA FLY IN 2015

I want to give you an update on our 2015 Fly-In application process. Following is the letter I received from AOPA which says it best:

First of all, I want to sincerely thank you for your proposal to host a 2015 AOPA Fly-In at KSFM. I truly enjoyed our conversations and ensuing email exchanges a number of weeks ago. You all indeed have a great airport there in Maine!

All of us here at AOPA were amazed and incredibly thankful for the many, many great proposals we received from airports like yours. Over 40 airports from 24 different states submitted proposals to host a Fly-in during 2015. As you can imagine, this created a truly exciting challenge to sort through the many options and narrow them down to the four locations we committed to for this coming year. We approached the process with a team of leaders reviewing each proposal very carefully. We examined the surrounding dynamics of the airport to include infrastructure, airspace, and other geographical situations. We also spent a great deal of time considering the overall placement of our potential events around the United States, seeking to find the best balance to rotate our events around the country.

We have made some final decisions this past week about our 2015 locations, and they will be announced publically later this week, as you may have anticipated was coming soon. For the 2015 cycle, we felt it best to focus on other parts of the country—in the Midwest and far southwest—leaving us without an event in the northeast. Mostly this was due to us trying to achieve a fresh layout around the nation this year, to allow a new set of AOPA members access to an event in their area.

I know this will be disappointing, but we do indeed look forward to continuing a dialogue with you for the potential of future years in the northeast region. While our aim is to be in different parts of the country year-to-year, we also know that there is such a strong pilot community in the northeast that we will want to come back every so often. We will keep your proposal and the potential of KSFM close at hand as we look to build a strategic plan for events in the coming years.

So although we did not succeed this year, perhaps in future years SFM will be able to host an AOPA Fly In.

Our sign says it for me...
Your airport manager,

