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**As the Beacon Turns
Manager's Report
March 2015**

1. Upcoming events

- Airport Advisory Committee Meeting March 10th, 2015 7:30am Sanford City Hall
- Civil Air Patrol Open House!



THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

CIVIL AIR PATROL





Flying



Drill & Honor Guard



Emergency Services

OPEN HOUSE

Sanford Composite Flight based at Sanford
Airport (KSFM)
12 Presidential Ln "BIG BLUE" Hangar.
When: Tuesday March 3, 2015
From: 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Come see what CAP is all about
FMI - Call Maj. Blain Cote @ 207-205-4686

- Women Interested in Aviation Day

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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!



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



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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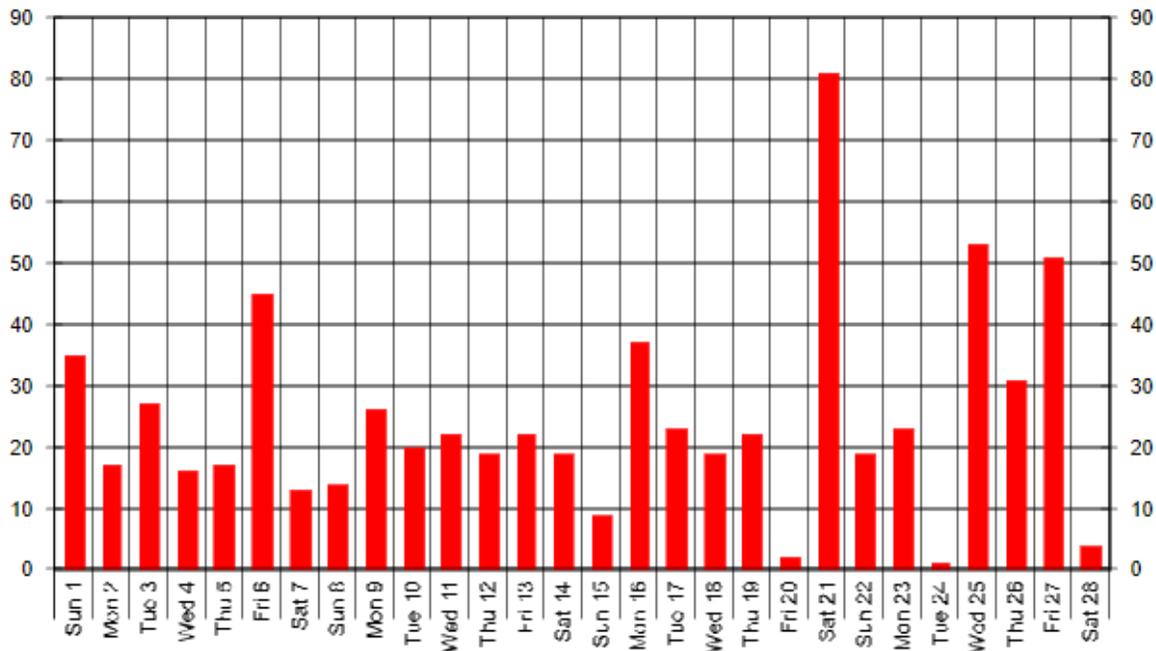
Check out the event Saturday and kids age 8-17 catch a free flight with the Young Eagles!



2. GARD Report for February 2015

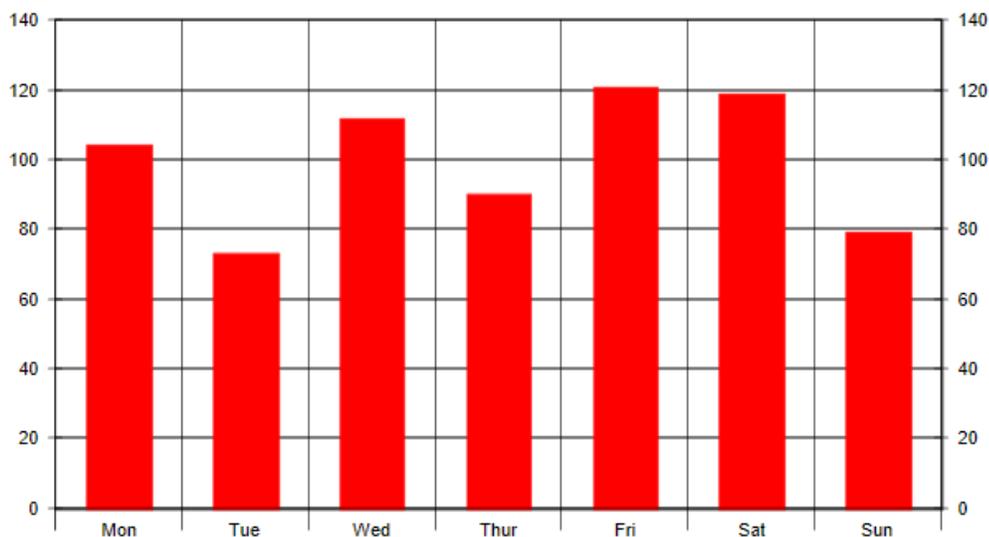
In February estimated operations totaled 688 with the average transmission being 2 seconds in length. Recorded radio transmissions totaled 700 minutes.

Minutes of Radio Traffic Per Day For the 02 Month 2015



Typically there are pilots who transmit often and those that barely transmit at all. The remainder of the transmissions come from ground vehicle operations such as airport maintenance personnel or FBO personnel. In a typical month these transmissions are negligible, but in February, particularly this snowy February we have just had, there may be a few more ground vehicle transmissions than usual. I don't believe it skews things too much since the snow crews communicate on a different frequency, just something to keep in mind.

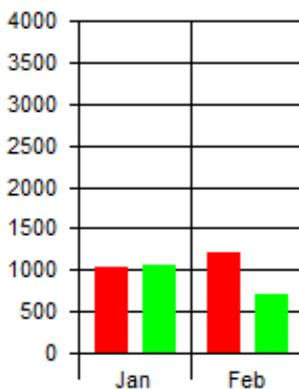
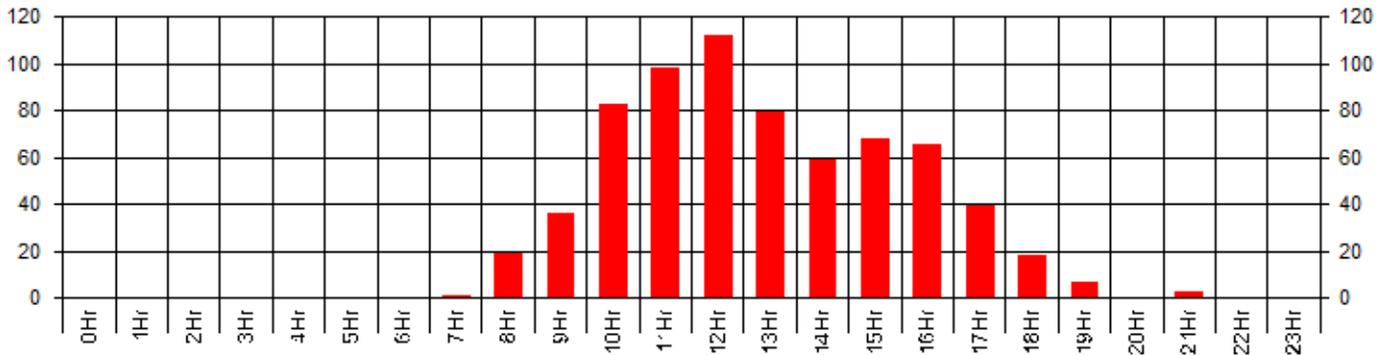
Average Week of Radio Traffic Per Day For the 02 Month 2015



Average operations per day of the week for the month are shown here. The average busiest day in February was Friday by a hair with Saturday just behind. Tuesday was the slowest day.

The table below shows that most transmissions took place between 0800 and 1800, which is a little bit of a longer day than the report for January showed.

Operations Per Hour For Date 2/1/2015 to 2/28/2015



The table to the left compares operations from one year to the next. Operations in January 2015 (green) were slightly higher than operations for the same month in 2014 (red), but February of 2015 saw about 400 less operations than the same month 2014. February was quiet cold and snow storms were very frequent, offering an explanation for the lower numbers.

3. Airport Website Updates

Our website, [SFM Website](#), now has links that allow people to view our Facebook page and follow us there! Please check it out and follow us! I have also added links for each of our events so that people can like and share the events on Facebook as well.

I added a new page for all of you, the Friends of SFM, where you can read the latest edition of *As the Beacon Turns*. I have also uploaded the past editions in case you missed one or want to pull something up from months past. Find it by clicking *As the Beacon Turns* when you mouse over the airport's name in the middle of the website's second header or in the green section on the lower left of the page.

4. Airport Minimum Standards and Procedures Update

The airport's Minimum Standards document, last revised in June 2005, has been updated. It is the intent of the City of Sanford to make the Airport available for the use and benefit of the public and it make it available to all types, kinds, and

classes or aeronautical activity on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination. The objective of these Standards is to:

1. Promote safety in all airport activities;
2. Maintain a higher quality of service for all airport users;
3. Protect the public from unlicensed and unauthorized products or services;
4. Enhance the availability of adequate services for all airport users; and,
5. Promote the orderly development of airport land.

The intent is to categorically identify those minimum standards and procedures by which all persons, firms or other legal entities conducting commercial (revenue producing) or noncommercial aeronautical activities at the airport shall conduct their respective operations. The document is a part of all existing and future leases and agreements dealing with the airport.

Anyone who would like to obtain a copy of the draft Standards should email me at marogers@sanfordmaine.org. I will send along a pdf.

The Standards will be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Committee at the next meeting, March 10. Anyone with questions or comments is encouraged to attend. Once it is reviewed by the Advisory Committee it will be brought before the Property Sub-Committee and then the City Council for final approval.

5. Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant

We were successful in obtaining a grant extension for the SCASDP grant to conduct a bus feasibility study as part of a multimodal plan for the airport. The grant committee has reviewed and revised the scope of work for the project and it will go out for a Request for Qualifications this week. Firms will submit their qualifications and plan for completing the project in April. The committee will rank the submittals and make a recommendation for the City Council's consideration and final approval. The selected firm will get to work on the project; final reports are due at year's end. I will keep you posted on what comes of this effort.

6. Snow Removal Equipment Grant

This Thursday we open bids for a new piece of snow removal equipment, also known as SRE in the airport world. The equipment, a 4 wheel loader with a general purpose bucket, snow pusher bucket, and a set of construction forks, will replace the need for an outside contract for a loader and operator each year, cutting the airport's operational expenses by about \$14,000 each year. We will also have the equipment for other projects on the field throughout the year.

The equipment will be purchased through an Airport Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). FAA pays 90%, Maine DOT pays 5% and the Airport department in the City pays 5%. The Airport's share is funded through the Capital Improvement Plan. Total equipment cost is not yet known, but we will find out when we receive bids this week.

7. Airport Master Plan Update

We are moving along with the update of the 2003 Airport Master Plan (AMP). The plan lays out the use and development of the airport over the next 20 years. A draft of the plan has been sent over and I will be reviewing and commenting on it this week before we continue on with the project. Once the plan is completed I will post the 2014 AMP Update on the airport's website. Please feel free to swing by my office if you are interested in checking out some of the maps and future airport layout plans.

8. Wildlife Hazard Assessment Progress

The draft of WHA has been sent back to USDA with final markups. The final report will come to us within the next month or so. The WHA is a compilation of analysis by wildlife biologists at several locations, both on site and within 5 miles of the airport, over the course of a year. It examines plants, birds and animals in the area through the filter of how they are impacting or may impact aviation.

Once the WHA is done a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan will be drawn up so that we can implement the WHA findings into best practices on the airfield.

9. Sanford goes to the trade shows!

I am happy to announce that the City, Southern Maine's Alfred Shaker Museum and several airport businesses including Southern Maine Aviation, DASH Aviation, York County Helicopters, Atlas Aviation and the Cockpit Café joined together to develop several pamphlets that will be featured at three trade shows this year! All in all 2,800 pieces of collateral will be handed out personally to people looking into vacationing in Maine. This has been done in collaboration with the Maine Beaches Association, which consists of representatives from each chamber of commerce in Ogunquit, the Yorks, Wells, The Kennebunks, Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Sanford's Economic Growth Council. The MBA evaluates the effectiveness of each trade show each year to determine whether or not and to what extent we should participate next year.

Swing by my office for a copy of the MBA's 2015 book or download it [here](#). The book contains a write up of each community as well as details on beaches, arts and culture, dining, shopping, family activities, recreation, lighthouses, festivals and events etc. Sanford is featured on page 10 and businesses are listed in dark red on pages 34-43.

10. AWOS Upgrades at SFM

I have been notified by the Engineering Services Weather Group that they will be conducting upgrades to the AWOS at SFM. Upgrades are scheduled for September 2015, and will require the facility to be shut down for approximately 2 weeks. Should the schedule change, I will keep you informed.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel... almost Spring!
Your airport manager,

