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**As the Beacon Turns
Manager's Report
August 2014**

1. Upcoming events

- Young Eagle Flight Rally – August 23rd
- Maine Model Jet Rally - September 4th -7th

2. YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT RALLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 8/23/2014

Area **young people ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies** on *Saturday, August 23, 2014*, as Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapters 225 and 1210 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at *Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport*. The rally is part of the EAA Young Eagles Program, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program was launched in 1992, Volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than 1.7 million young people who reside in more than 90 countries.

“Free airplane rides are just part of the Flight Rally,” said Steven, spokesman for the event. “We hope to build one-to-one relationships between pilots and young people, giving a new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation.” Pilots at the event will also explain more about their airplanes allowing young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern before every flight.

Following the flight, each young person, will receive a certificate making them an official Young Eagle. Their name will then be entered into the “World’s Largest Logbook,” which is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The Logbook is also accessible on the Internet at www.youngeagles.org. In addition to the Certificate the new Young Eagle will be given a Logbook with an access code for a complete free online Flight Training course offered by Sporty’s.

Other activities scheduled for the Flight Rally includes a *Pancake breakfast and barbeque lunch to benefit EAA Chapter225’s scholarship*

Along with flight rallies, EAA members also fly Young Eagles on an individual basis. Each pilot volunteers their time and aircraft so the flights can be provided free of charge for interested young people.

Those attending the flight rally on *Saturday August 23, 2014* are asked come to lobby of Southern Maine Aviation (look for signage) starting at *9:00am* to register for their flight. **Flights will begin at 9:30am, with registration closing at 3:00pm.** Additional information about EAA and the EAA Young Eagles program is available on the Internet. Access to EAA’s Home Page is available at www.eaa.org. The Young Eagles web page is www.youngeagles.org. For more information contact: *Steven A Richard, 207-432-6464, E-Mail- stevonarichard@gmail.com*

3. Appointment to the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board!

I am happy to report that I have been appointed to the Maine Department of Transportation's Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board (MAAB). The statutory duties of the Board are to "advise the Department on matters relating to aeronautics and recommendations for change to the aeronautical laws and comments upon the present and future needs of that service." In addition to the statutory duties, the board shall focus on recommendations that enhance the economic opportunities and safety of the general public. More here: [MAAB](#)

There are many interesting and worthwhile developments coming about with the State and its approach to aviation. Some of the topics in discussion currently:

- upcoming improvements to the GARD system to possibly include a "runway occupied" system at each runway hold bar that notifies pilots when there is movement on a runway,
- confirmation of 100% funding of the existing GARD system by MDOT,
- earlier processing of CIP requests to streamline funding,
- the use of aircraft fuel taxes in relation to airport improvements,
- 2014's 100% funded crack sealing project,
- incorporating aviation into the annual Maine Transportation Conference,
- MDOT's Airport Prioritization Project and its effects and implications, and
- the possibility of developing a block of money dedicated to funding projects not eligible for FAA monies such as equipment, buildings, etc.

There are many positive and exciting developments on the horizon for airports in Maine and I am glad to be a part of that through membership on the MAAB representing Sanford from an airport manager's perspective.

4. Maine Airport Manager's Committee

Years ago there was a Maine Airport Manager's Association. It has since dissolved and the need for a similar forum was needed in which all of the airport managers in the state can get together to support each other, pick one another's brains on items unique to the profession and stand together when issues arrive that require a larger voice than any single one of us can achieve. The opportunity presented itself to organize as a committee underneath MABA, the [Maine Aviation Business Association](#), and we decided to do so. All airport managers are welcome to join. We are discussing the purchase of one subscription to the Aircraft Blue Book which is used to determine the manufacturer cost of aircraft when calculating excise tax each year. Each participant would be able to access the committee's subscription. Individual subscriptions cost hundreds of dollars each year, so there is a significant benefit for participants. We are also working on developing a day of training each year where we can all get together and review new legislation, requirements, and developments in the aviation and airport industries.

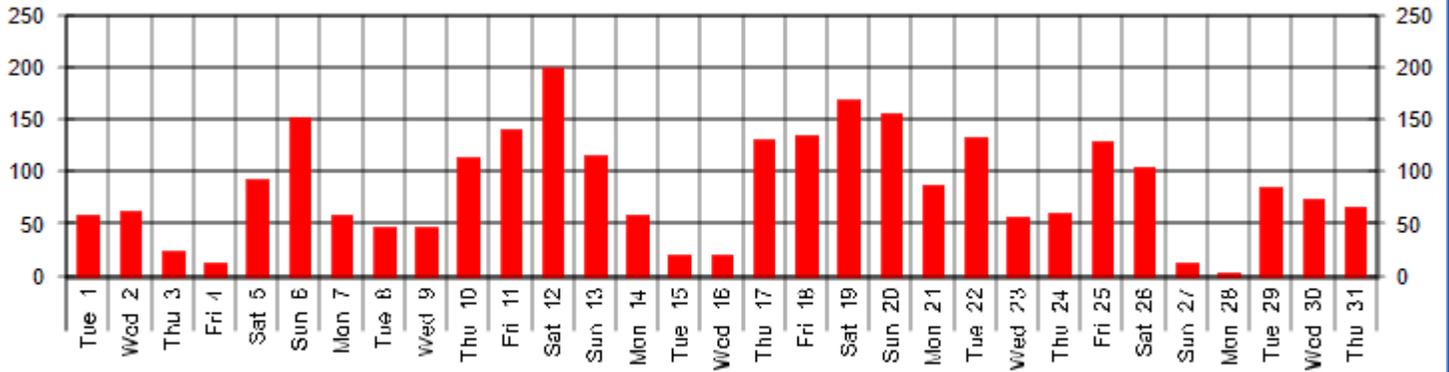
I happened to be taking notes during our first two meetings and was consequently voted to be secretary! I look forward to getting together with my colleagues on a more regular basis. There is no substitute for the conversations, examples, and advice we give each other.

5. GARD report on radio transmissions and estimated operations numbers for July 2014

Summary:

- Estimate of 2,633 operations for month of July (Based on 4 transmission per arrival and 3 per departure)
- Total estimated operations (takeoffs and landings) at SFM for 2014 as of August 5th is 13,097

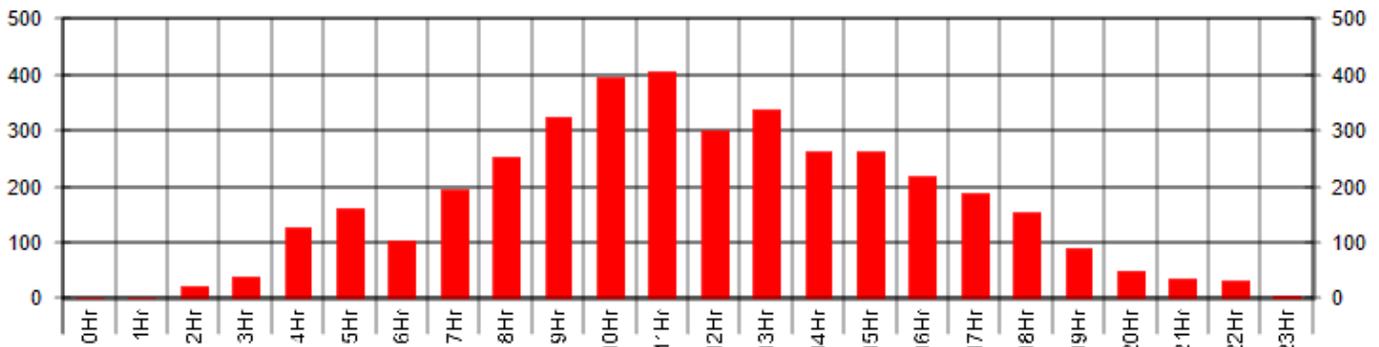
Estimate of Aircraft Operations Per Day For the 07 Month 2014



Estimate of Total Aircraft Operations for the 07 Month is 2633

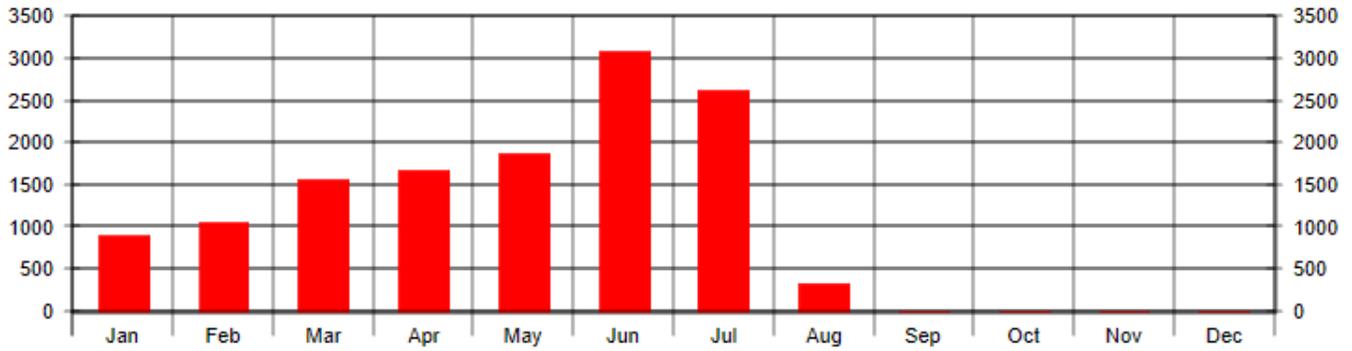
OPS MONTH OF JULY 2014

Operations Per Hour For Date 7/1/2014 to 7/31/2014



AVERAGE OPS PER HOUR JULY 2014

Estimated Airfield Operations per Month 2014



Estimated Total Operations for the year 2014 is 13097

OPS YEAR TO DATE as of August 4th, 2014

I hope your summer is going well!

Your airport manager,



Allen
SPM