

1. Upcoming Events

→ Airport Advisory Committee Meeting

March 12th, 2020 at 8:00am at the airport administration and maintenance building:
9 Presidential Lane, Sanford. More info is posted on the City's website
www.sanfordmaine.org/airport.

→ Pilots Cove Café: Music Lineup

The Café offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, open Sunday through Wednesday from 7:30a to 2p and Thursday through Saturday from 7:30a to 8p. Come check out the plethora of local, talented musicians in one of the most intimate venues around.

It won't be long now until the patio is open again – and some tables are already out there for those who would like to enjoy some of this sunny, spring-like weather sooner rather than later!

Follow the Café on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on food and drink specials, music, and events.



The poster features a dark blue background with a large, stylized yellow brushstroke graphic. In the center, a white hexagonal shape contains the text 'Music Lineup' in a white script font, accompanied by a white musical note icon. Below this, a circular logo for 'Pilots Cove Café' is visible. The poster is divided into sections for 'Thursdays', 'Fridays', and 'Saturdays', with a 'Sundays' section at the bottom. The 'MARCH' and 'APRIL' months are highlighted in bold. The text lists the dates and names of the performing musicians for each day.

Thursdays

Fridays

MARCH

Thu 5th, 6-9p: Lucas Roy
Sat 7th, 6-9p Meghan Clark
Thu 12th 6-9p: Michael Mellen
Fri 13th, 6-9p: Sarah Libby
Sat 14th, 6-9p: O'Harrows Duo
Thu 19th, 6-9p: Brian Walker
Fri 20th, 6-9p: Lucas Roy
Sat 21th, 6-8p Vernon Northover
Thu 26th, 6-9p: Michael Mellen
Fri 27th, 6-9p: Gentlemen Hooligans

Saturdays

Sundays

APRIL

Thu 2nd, 6-9p: Michael Mellen
Fri 3rd, 6-8p: Kris Hype
Sat 7th, 6-8p Meghan Clark
Thu 9th 6-9p: Lucas Roy
Fri 10th, 6-9p: Sarah Libby
Thu 16th, 6-9p: Brian Walker
Sat 18th, 6-8p Vernon Northover
Thu 23rd, 6-9p: O'Harrows Duo
Fri 24th, 5-7p: Dapper Gents
Sat 25th, 6-9p Meghan Clark
Thu 30th 6-9p: Bill Howard

Every Sunday for Brunch 10a – 2p: Michael Mellen

Follow on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest
[@pilotscovecafe](https://www.instagram.com/pilotscovecafe)

→ **Maine's 200th Anniversary: 200 in 200**
BECAUSE A 200TH BIRTHDAY ONLY HAPPENS ONCE!



March 15, 2020 marks the Bicentennial of Maine's statehood. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to:

- explore how our state today is shaped by 200 years of statehood, 13,000 years of human settlement, and eons of geologic activity;
- celebrate our vital present; and
- envision a promising future.

The Airport businesses are celebrating the state's birthday by offering some great promotions. Purchase a commemorative coin for \$10 and use it as a voucher to claim your deals!

- Southern Maine Aviation: \$20 dollars off an hour scenic flight for 2 passengers!
- Pine Tree Helicopters: \$20 off a helicopter tour for 2 or more!
- Pilots Cove Café: 20% off food!

Those aren't the only deals in our region – see all of them and plan a whole trip online or from the convenience of your phone by using the app for 2020.

<https://themainebeaches.visitwidget.com/>



→ **Sanford On Tap 2020**



Aug 22, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM EDT
Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport
Sanford, Maine

Brewers & their beer and cider, Live Band, Food Trucks, Lawn Games, Aircraft Display and more! Get your tickets now – quantities are limited!

<https://www.sanfordontap.org/>

2. Sanford Airport Solar Progress

Sanford, Maine – Local leaders joined executives from NextEra Energy Resources (NYSE: NEE) this afternoon to break ground on Maine's largest universal solar energy project, Sanford Airport Solar.



“From clean energy to jobs to economic growth, this project is a hat-trick victory for Sanford and for Maine,” said Governor Janet Mills. “I am proud of the progress that our state continues to make in embracing renewable energy and am glad that Sanford is leading the way with this great project and its many economic and environmental benefits.”

Sanford Airport Solar will be located on land at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport as well as additional land owned by quasi-municipal entities and private landowners. When



completed, the project is expected to be the largest solar array on an airport in the U.S. An affiliate of NextEra Energy Resources is developing the project and will build, own and operate it.

"We are pleased to work with the City of Sanford to introduce a universal solar project of this scale," said Ross Groffman, vice president of development for NextEra Energy Resources, the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the sun and wind. "This project will bring good jobs, tax benefits and renewable energy to the region for decades to come."

Construction will last approximately 12 months. Once complete, the facility will feature more than 150,000 photovoltaic solar panels that convert the sun's energy into electricity. The solar energy center will have a capacity to generate 50 megawatts of electricity.

The project is expected to create a significant economic boost for Sanford, creating up to 120 jobs during the construction phase. From labor and materials, to housing, health care and construction - a wide variety of local businesses will benefit from the influx of economic activity.

"This project will provide good jobs, and Sanford businesses will benefit from the extra activity, too," said Tom Cote, Mayor of Sanford. "The funds will be a big boost to many of the county's future projects and we couldn't be happier to welcome this facility to our community."



Over its operational life, Sanford Airport Solar is expected to generate nearly \$10 million in additional revenue for Sanford, with some of that funding going to help projects at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport.

"We are thrilled to host the largest solar facility at an airport and help realize the benefits it can bring to our community," said, Allison Navia manager of the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport.

For more information on the developer and owner of the project visit www.NextEraEnergyResources.com.

Check out the Airport's Facebook page to see photos and videos of progress: [Sanford Airport Solar Video](#)

3. Aviation Systems Plan

I am pleased to be taking part in the committee to guide the update of the Maine Aviation Systems Plan. Here's what it's all about:



The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) wishes to develop a strategic State Aviation System Plan (SASP) to guide public investments and system direction for the decade 2021-2030. It is MaineDOT's intent to conduct a fresh and unfettered strategic analysis of the functional values currently provided by the aviation system, with a look toward how the system (and specific components therein) can best be positioned to efficiently and effectively serve Maine's foreseeable future needs and opportunities.

Key plan objectives include:

- Understand current and future potential aviation system contributions to meeting expressed societal needs sufficiently to inform the following question: What compelling public value justifies what degree of state and federal investment toward what end?
- Use realistic, fiscally constrained life-cycle analyses to foster the development of right-sized facilities affordable for sponsors and investment partners.
- Identify and justify necessary and desirable system management functions, including who should perform them and how they should be financed.
- Identify trends, gaps, opportunities and prioritized recommendations for nurturing key system components, including aviation workforce development.
- Develop meaningful and practical metrics to track condition, utilization and performance of the airport system.
- Recommend strategies to leverage public investments to generate private investments and public policies that support a safe and efficient airport system.

In order to ensure that the strategic outcome is fully aligned with the needs of Maine Airports, this system plan will be conducted in two phases:

- PHASE I - Phase I efforts reflect the data collection, baseline elements and foundational analysis to inform the broader system plan. Two analyses will be completed to the extent possible by Fall 2019 to meet urgent needs and opportunities (Washington County Regional Analysis and State Funding Source Evaluation).
- PHASE II - Phase II represents the more comprehensive economic impact, investor leveraging and viability analysis, strategic positioning, public education and policy

guidance elements of this system plan. The scope for Phase II will be developed in enough detail to prepare a grant application to FAA by May 1, 2020. The detailed scope will be developed as a final product.

4. NOTAMs Update

PilotWeb is no more! You may have noticed when you log on to check NOTAMs (because every pilots checks all the NOTAMs before every flight, riiiiight? ☺) you've been redirected to a new platform. FNS version 2.15 software package was deployed successfully on February 15, 2020. This release includes many NOTAM Search application enhancements and the sunset of the PilotWeb application. This was one of the congressional mandates under the NOTAM Reauthorization Act to consolidate all of the human NOTAM interfaces to a single access. No more PilotWeb. The link for NOTAM Search is

<https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch>

As always, if you'd like to automatically receive NOTAMs for SFM send me an email requesting to be added to the dissemination list. You can also drop me a note to take you off at any point if you like. Anavia@sanfordmaine.org

5. AWOS Components INOP

You may have noticed the altimeter and density altitude are missing from the SFM AWOS. The hardware that measures those elements failed, but FAA Tech Ops is on the case and the parts are on order. It will be back up and running at full capability as soon as possible. Apologies for the partial outage!

6. American Society of Engineers Report Card 2020: Aviation

Every four years, the American Society of Civil Engineers' Report Card for America's Infrastructure depicts the condition and performance of American infrastructure in the familiar form of a school report card—assigning letter grades based on the physical condition and needed investments for improvement.

I was part of the group to provide the state of Maine with a score for aviation in 2016. Hard to believe but here we are four years later and it's time to score the state's aviation again.

You can find more information at the official website here:

<https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>

I also attached the score card from the last round. We gave Maine's aviation infrastructure a C+. More to come on the next iteration as we work through what's changed in our great state.

Cheers to mud season!
Your airport manager,

