



# Sanford<sup>TM</sup> Seacoast

Regional Airport

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## **As the Beacon Turns Manager's Monthly Report August 2013**

### **General**

My new phone number is 207-608-4100.

I will be changing my office hours to be at the airport on the weekends for the next 3 or 4 months. I will be working Friday through Monday.

### **Report: Maine Model Jet Rally**

The event went very smoothly and attendance was good. I was very pleased with the efficiency and professionalism of Ray Labonte and the small army of volunteers. I filled the role of airboss for the full scale aerobatic shows and Jim Parker, Sr., Jim Parker, Jr. and Dan Marcotte were excellent to work with and all extremely talented pilots. The glider aerobatic show was one of the most graceful and elegant exhibits of aviation I have ever seen. The airport also received some great press over the weekend during live broadcasts of Channel 13 and Channel 8. The airport maintenance staff did a meticulous job getting the grounds in top shape and Moe and Jim were extremely helpful during the event manning the radios and getting the airport back up and running. A very good event, all around. Mr. Labonte will likely attend our meeting and give a quick summary of the event.

### **Purchase: GARD System**

The General Audio Radio Device (GARD) was developed in Augusta, Maine and is a product that provides General Aviation airports with a low cost way to record and save all radio transmissions at their airport. There are currently six airports in the State using the Invisible Intelligence GARD product. The valuable data currently being collected at these airports can be retrieved anytime by the airport manager and used for multiple purposes. The voice data can be played back and used as a training aid for ground vehicles authorized to be in the movement areas. It can also assist local and federal officials with accident investigations at non-towered GA airports. The current software also allows airport managers to track aircraft operations daily, weekly monthly and yearly. Our software is currently able to track both aircraft and ground vehicle movements separately. This is vital data for airport sponsors and local, state and federal entities.

Check it out at <http://www.invisibleintelligencellc.com>.

I have worked with this system before and it is incredibly valuable for safety, reporting, liability, and training purposes. It has been recognized to of such value that the Maine Department of Transportation Airport Planning Division just recently announced that they are going to reimburse GA Airports that purchase the GARD system 50%. They will be testing a new piece of software in addition to the base model and would be willing to give us a prototype price of \$2,000.00 for setup.

I would like to purchase and install this system at SFM. The money would be taken from the FEMA money we received as a result of the large storm we had in February. Because the money was granted to us for safety reasons and one of my main areas of focus with this will be ground vehicle operations on the field I feel it is an appropriate use of the money.

**Approve: Air-Tech Lease**

See attached memo to City Manager and lease agreement

**FAA grant offers received; Notices to Proceed issued**

- Seacoast Taxilane Rehabilitation Design Only
  - o The survey and geotechnical engineers will be here over the next couple weeks marking out boundaries and taking samples to determine how much of a reconstruction will be necessary as part of the design process.
  - o HTA and I have a meeting scheduled for next week with MDEP to discuss the environmental permitting. I hope to also get several answers on the relocation of SMA's fuel farm as part of that meeting.
  
- Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA)
  - o Airport familiarization, communications and pedestrian and ground vehicle training was conducted with the team of wildlife biologists who will be conducting the WHA at SFM. The wildlife biologists have marked out their sample points both on the airport and within a 5 mile radius of the field for the assessment. Sampling and observation will occur monthly for a year's time, so Inland Fisheries and Wildlife vehicles will be present on the airport's airside.

**Purchase Crack Seal Machine**

The crack seal machine will be delivered Thursday and we have arranged to have Crafcot train Moe and Jim on its use and operation. This will be a great addition to our maintenance department and allow us to extend the life of our pavement.

Your airport manager,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisen" with "SFM" written in smaller letters underneath.