

## 1. Upcoming events

### → Airport Advisory Committee Meeting

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:00am

*AAC Meetings are now being held at the airport!* North Hangars @ 167 Airport Road Suite C (right next door to my office). Check out the whole 2017 meeting schedule [HERE](#).

*A big thanks to Jim Knowles for volunteering this space for us!*



### → FAA Team Seminar January 21, 2017 at 10:00AM

Southern Maine Aviation, LLC  
199 Airport Road  
Sanford, Maine 04073

Presented by [John Gary](#) and [Sue Tholen](#)

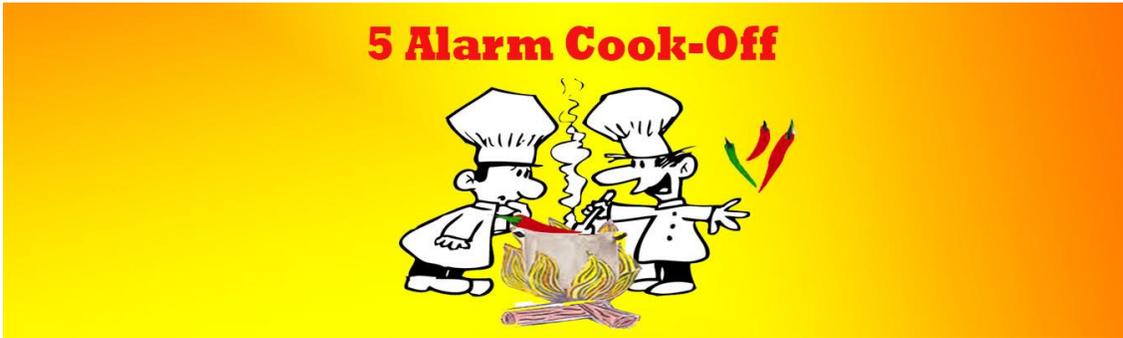
Topic: Loss of Control

Loss of Control (LOC) is the number one cause of fatal aviation accidents. It can happen in all phases of flight; anywhere at any time.

The discussion will study accidents from the past and use audience participation to draw conclusions on the causes. The ultimate goal is to learn how best to prevent Loss of Control from happening to you.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register or call 207-324-8919.





→ **Five Alarm Cook Off January 21, 2017 at noon.**

Join us after the seminar for our annual “Five Alarm Cook-Off”. Sample the array of spicy foods and vote for your favorite. Cook up a batch of your favorite chili and join in the competition for the grand prize.

A donation of \$7 is requested, to go to the **York County Community Action Corporation** for heating oil assistance for low income veterans.

→ **Private Pilot Classes**

Next Class Begins: January 28, 2017

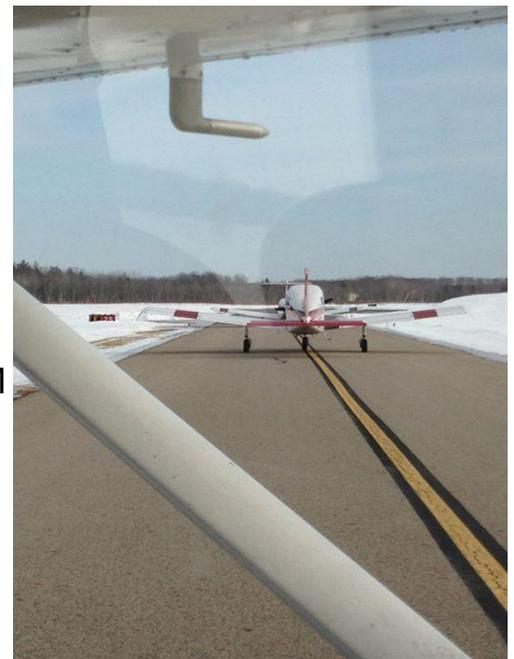
Saturdays 8:00 AM to Noon

9 weeks For more information [click here](#)

→ **Instrument Ground School**

Next Class Begins: January 28, 2017 Saturdays 1:00 PM

9 weeks For more information [click here](#)





**SOUP**  
2017  
**SUNDAY**  
**JAN 29**

Join us for MAA's annual winter event..



*\*Soup is on even if it's not a fly day. In case of an impending snowstorm I will e-mail a notice of cancellation to members. Call the KIWI FBO at 207-882-5475 if in doubt or text 207-350-2122.*

**Wiscasset  
Municipal  
Airport  
KIWI**

**11:30-2**  
(or until the soup is gone)

**\*Snow or Shine  
Fly or Drive**

**FREE**

**Bring soup, bread,  
dessert or something to  
share if you can**

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## 2. Aircraft Excise Tax 2017

It's that time of year again for aircraft excise tax mailings. The effort starts with a review of the based aircraft database for SFM. We have the largest number of based aircraft of any airport in Maine – over 100 – and it is the airport's responsibility for keeping that updated. It's no small feat to try and keep track for 100+ pilots! I gather most of my information from information provided by you (when you buy or sell an aircraft or sublease to a new tenant *and communicate that to me!*), airport access information, insurance certificates and tenant lists. The number of based aircraft also helps SFM stay on the FAA's radar and keep our status as a reliever airport. While it doesn't necessarily get us additional federal funding, the number of based aircraft helps when justifying projects and there is talk that those numbers may soon hold more weight in determining grant funding amounts.

I have to send an annual excise tax invoice to every aircraft owner that is or may be based at SFM each year. The reason is that situations change –people move, companies are created or dissolved and so on. In the mailing there are two things for each aircraft printed on a double sided sheet of paper: the Excise Tax Certificate (Invoice) for your aircraft and the Aircraft Excise Tax Exemption Application. Return the completed Excise Tax Certificate with your payment -OR- the application for exemption to my office no later than April 15, 2017.

I know it can be a pain and also recognize that my records system is not 100% accurate at all times. For this reason, I greatly appreciate your patience if you receive an invoice in error. Any information you can give me helps straighten things out. All of the aircraft excise taxes collected help offset SFM's operating costs – our payroll, equipment costs, pavement maintenance, mowing, snow removal, etc - and we thank you for your help and cooperation.

Your airport manager,

