1. Upcoming events
   • Airport Advisory Committee Meeting November 10th, 2015 7:30am Sanford City Hall

2. Airfield Maintenance and Winter Prep

The Airport’s Maintenance Department has been busy the last couple months getting us ready for winter. They have repainted all of the pavement markings so that everything is bright and bold. Airport pavement markings require the application of glass beads to provide reflectivity at night and during times of inclement weather and low visibility. We save a considerable amount of money by owning and operating our own paint machine and doing the work in house. This allows us to not only budget responsibly for maintenance but to also do touch ups and more frequent applications as needed instead of waiting until the markings get so bad that it necessitates a painting project using an outside contractor.

The crack seal machine has been put to good use as well! Crack Sealing is the first defense against significant pavement deterioration brought on by wet weather and temperature changes. Crack fill, a mix of asphalt and rubber, is installed in cracks between 1/8” and 1” wide. It seals cracks to prevent water from damaging the sub base. It also serves to create a more uniform surface for future seal coating. Proper attention to cracks prevents problems from spreading. Pavement repair in the early stages of deterioration pays dividends later by delaying costly asphalt repairs; a few hundred dollars invested each year in crack filling helps save thousands in future repairs. Same as the paint machine, the crack seal machine allows us to give the pavement the attention it needs in a timely and thorough manner rather than waiting until the deterioration is far enough along to warrant a large scale, costly project.

Our equipment is being serviced and readied for snow removal operations. We expect delivery of our new 4 wheel loader in a few weeks as well as a new pickup truck with a V-Plow. I have developed SFM’s first Snow and Ice Control Plan to be part of the Airport Manual. The plan lays out pre and post season actions including a meeting with involved parties on the airfield to discuss best practices, give feedback and
suggestions, and go over the roles and responsibilities of each entity when it comes to snow removal and winter operations. The plan also addresses the “who, what, when, and how” of snow removal including a map of priority areas and list of contact information. This will help provide uniform procedures and continuity to the airfield. I will be reaching out to those involved with more information soon!

3. **Invitation to Bid: FOR SALE 1988 Ford F250 with 9’ Plow**
The City of Sanford, Maine invites sealed bids for a 1988 Ford 4x4 Pickup Truck w/ 9’ Plow. The sealed bids will be received in the Office of the City Manager, 919 Main Street, Sanford, Maine until 2:00 PM on November 10, 2015.

All bids shall be submitted on the original form provided with these bid specifications and shall be typewritten or hand written in ink. All bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside “AIRPORT PICKUP BID”.

Bid documents may be obtained on or after October 7, 2015 at the Office of the City Manager, 919 Main Street, Sanford, Maine telephone 207-324-9173 or on the City’s website: www.sanfordmaine.org.

The Owner’s representative in this bidding process will be:

Mr. Jim Emmons, Airport Maintenance Supervisor  
Telephone 207-324-8695  
FAX 207-324-9124  
E-Mail jlemmons@sanfordmaine.org

THE CITY OF SANFORD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO ACCEPT THE BID DEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY

4. **AOPA Fly-In**
AOPA has been working not only on a 2016 vision, but also looking more broadly at the 2017 – 2018 cycles, so that they have a “rough draft” emerging later this year as to what the entire 3-year cycle could be. 2016 locations and dates for four fly-in events in North Carolina, Washington, Michigan, and Arizona were released last week. AOPA’s Director of Outreach and Events has let me know that SFM is a strong contender for either 2017 or 2018. We will be following up later this month. I am thrilled that we are still in the running!
5. For Sale: City Hangar

The City is selling its hangar on the west side of the airfield. The listing is for 11 Presidential LN | Sanford asking $165,000 | 9,880 Sq. Ft total. This 8200sq ft hangar is located centrally on Taxiway C. It has 3 large doors that can be opened independently or all at once for a total opening of 69’. There are two offices and two bathrooms, one with a shower. The office space has been completely renovated and the largest office has, in my opinion, the best view of the airfield you can get from the ground. The building is for sale with a 20 year land lease from the city. The building must be used for aeronautical purposes and in its current condition is eligible for FBO status as an aircraft storage hangar; any other use may necessitate the installation of a fire suppression system. Please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Gary Samia of Century 21 real estate at (207)324-4866. MREIS 1206289

Check out the listing by pasting this link in your browser: http://www.c21samia.com/real-estate/main/sanford/mreis/1206289/11--presidential-ln-sanford-maine-04073.html
6. Transportation Survey
I am writing in the hope you will help us out with some data and information gathering on the transportation needs in our area. As you know the Sanford Airport does not have a commercial service airline. We are looking into opportunities that could help create the link between the Sanford/ Springvale region and larger hub airports.

The purpose of this survey is to assess the feasibility of improved bus service between the City of Sanford and the airports in the region. Improved access to and from airports has the potential to improve quality of life, increase economic opportunities, and offer new employment opportunities to residents of the City of Sanford. If you have travelled between the City of Sanford and an airport in the region in the last five years, are planning to do so in the near future, or have thoughts on this topic, we are looking for your input!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SanfordAirportBus

Please click the link above to participate. Your input is much appreciated! Please feel free to share this survey link with your friends, family and anyone that can help out.

7. GARD Report for September 2015

In September the GARD system recorded 71,915 seconds or 1,199 minutes of radio transmissions on our Common Traffic Advisory Frequency. A glitch was discovered which caused a hiccup on Tuesdays, so we are missing some information. After analyzing a sample of transmissions over a period of time I have changed the algorithm to calculate using 4 transmissions per arriving aircraft and 1 transmission per departure at SFM. This should give us a more accurate number of estimated operations. The total estimated number of takeoffs and landings in September is 2,898. Again, this number doesn’t include the operations we missed on Tuesdays.
The graph to the left shows the months of 2015 as compared to each other year to date.

Below is a graph that depicts the estimated operations per month of 2014 and 2015 as compared to each other. In general, the amount of activity in 2014 is higher than what we have seen in 2015.

The leaves are beautiful – what better way to see them with a scenic flight? 😊

Your airport manager,