As the Beacon Turns
Manager’s Report
October & November 2016

1. Upcoming events
   - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting - MEETING DAY CHANGE!
     November 14th, 2016 at 8:00am 3rd Floor Conference Room, Sanford City Hall

   - Civil Air Patrol Open House
     We are having an Open House on Tuesday November 22, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, 12 Presidential Ln, Sanford, ME 04073 (Big Blue Hangar) @ The Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport - KSFM.

     We would love to have you attend. In some way you all were very important to our Squadron, to become what we are today and only after a few short years. We would like to show you what The Sanford Composite Squadron has become and to thank you for your contributions. We will have light refreshments, demonstrations, displays and awards. We will have a full agenda and would like to have you in attendance. Please RSVP to blain.cote@mewg.cap.gov by 18 November so we can prepare enough refreshments to serve.

     We hope you can join us on November 22, 2016!

2. Capital Improvement: Parking Lot Light Fixtures

   Our hardworking airport maintenance department has been nonstop in 2016! One of our bigger projects entailed replacing all of the terminal and ramp parking lot light poles with new energy-efficient LED fixtures and new pole bases. The old fixtures had been in operation for twelve years and it was no longer possible to obtain parts to repair them. Our new light fixtures will have anti-perching devices installed on them soon to encourage our avian neighbors to perch elsewhere.
3. **Belfast Airport Frequency Change**
   A note from BST for local pilots:

   Dear Users of Belfast Municipal Airport:

   Please be advised, on 11/2/16 the City of Belfast submitted an application to the FCC to change BST’s UNICOM frequency from its current 122.800 MHz to **122.975 MHz**. This is being done to reduce/eliminate communications that are meant for other airports in the region but are being heard by users of BST; this will help to reduce confusion and improve safety at the airport. **122.975 MHz** was chosen out of the group of frequencies currently allocated for UNICOM at non-towered airports because it is not currently being used by any other airports in the entire State of Maine.

   We do not currently have a definitive date of when the switchover from 122.800 to 122.975 will take effect, and it is possible we may not receive any advance notice for this switchover. My goal is to make this transition as smoothly as possible. The majority of the airport’s systems that rely on the UNICOM frequency will be easily changed with a minimum of downtime, and when appropriate, NOTAMs will be issued.

   The system that the switchover will cause the most inconvenience for will be the radio controller used to activate runway 15-33’s runway edge lights and runway end identifier lights. Once the frequency has been changed, we will have to send circuit boards from the radio controller to a facility in Ohio to have them changed to the new frequency; this will be expected to take approximately 3 days total (to send them there, have them changed, and then get them back). During the time that the circuit boards have been removed, our current plan is to have the runway edge lights and runway end identifier lights on at medium intensity during the time of late afternoon through the morning.

   There has been previous interest in acquiring a second frequency that the AWOS AV or other systems could be migrated to, which would further reduce confusion and competition for BST’s UNICOM. However, based on discussions with FAA, BST is not a large enough of an airport to be deserving of a second frequency at this time, and I do not expect this situation to change during the immediate future. However, changing our UNICOM frequency at this time will not preclude us from obtaining a second frequency in the future, should we be able to.

   Please share this information with other users of Belfast Municipal Airport. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I anticipate sending an additional e-mail out to airport users when the switchover has taken place, and it will be NOTAM’d; we will also be updating our airport web page (www.cityofbelfast.org/airport), BST’s 5010 master record form and BST’s entry in the chart supplements/airport facility directory with this information.

   Thank you,
   Thomas Kittredge
   Economic Development Director, City of Belfast
   economicdevelopment@cityofbelfast.org

4. **Welcome Life Flight of Maine to SFM!**
   We are pleased to be working with Life Flight of Maine to add SFM as their third base in Maine! Life Flight will be leasing a hangar, hiring a crew, and obtaining a third helicopter to base at the Sanford Airport. Tentative move in is set for early 2017.
Vision and Mission
Most people who need emergency medical care can be appropriately transported by ground ambulance. The sickest patients, however, need the critical care and speed that LifeFlight provides. LifeFlight’s vision for Maine is a place in which every person, in every community, has access to critical care and medical transport when they need it. We do this by working with our EMS partners to transform the critical care transport medicine system into an integrated, high quality, patient-centered system worthy of the public’s trust.

Meet the Team
LifeFlight of Maine’s most valuable assets are people. The people who provide critical care and compassion; the people who fly the aircraft safely; the people who answer the calls for assistance and take care of the logistical details; the people who work behind the scenes to help build a safe and reliable system to ensure everyone in Maine has access to the critical healthcare they need, when they need it.

LifeFlight Foundation
The Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides fundraising and public relations support to LifeFlight of Maine. Supported by the generosity of the many friends of LifeFlight, the Foundation raises funds for aircraft, medical equipment, hospital helipads, statewide aviation improvements and the many educational outreach programs offered by the LifeFlight crew.

5. BIG CHANGES to runway condition reporting took effect October 1, 2016
The FAA begins to explain the changes to NOTAMs for runway conditions like this:
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other members of the aviation community have developed new standards to improve safety at U.S. airports during inclement weather. On October 1, 2016, U.S. airports, airline flight crews, dispatchers, general aviation pilots, and air traffic controllers will begin using new Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) standards to reduce the risk of runway overrun accidents and incidents due to runway contamination caused by weather and other factors.
FAA’s article can be viewed here:  
http://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=85985

Don’t forget I can set you up to receive email notifications for NOTAMs at SFM if you like. Just send me an email requesting you be added to the automatic notification list. Of course if you sign on and decide to change your mind let me know and I will remove your name.

There will be some local opportunities for additional training on the new NOTAMs and reporting. I will keep you posted.

6. 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.

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Parks and Rec Master Plan
The City of Sanford has solicited the help of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. to create a Citywide Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan is an important tool for the community. The plan will guide capital planning, address maintenance requirements, and identify investment needs for Sanford's parks and recreation infrastructure over the next 20 years. The ballfield on the west side of the airport is maintained by Parks and Rec and included in the plan.

Over the coming few months, we will be using this website to keep you informed and to solicit your input during the planning process. This website includes an overview of the parks and recreation facilities included in the planning study. If you have any questions or comments, please share them with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

By clicking on the site http://www.sanfordparks.com/ you will be able to take our survey regarding you and your family’s thoughts and use of the park facilities in the community. Please take a few moments to complete the survey to help us provide better facilities into the future.

Your airport manager,

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