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**As the Beacon Turns
Manager's Report
January, February and March 2016**

1. Upcoming events

- Airport Advisory Committee Special Meeting April 12th, 2016 8:00am Sanford City Hall

2. Southern Maine Aviation's Raffles and Fundraisers

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR LATEST FUNDRAISERS VERY SUCCESSFUL!

The **Bring on the Heat** spicy food cook-off raised \$280 for heating oil assistance to area Veterans in need. The oil will be distributed by York County Community Action Corporation. The **Alton Bay Ice Runway Raffle** raised \$380 to help with the costs of plowing and maintaining the lower 48's (plus Hawaii) only FAA certified Ice Runway. The money will be distributed by Paul LaRochelle for next year's event.



3. Wildlife Strike Reporting

It's getting warmer outside again (finally!) and the flora and fauna are as happy about it as we are. This means pilots need to maintain situational awareness and keep eyes peeled for birds and animals. If you do encounter wildlife there are some steps you can take to help. First, you can report sightings to myself via email or phone. Please include the specific area of the airport, the type and approximate number of wildlife, if it's obvious, what the wildlife is doing (eating, relaxing, building a home etc), date and time, and the weather conditions. We keep a log of wildlife activity on the airport for wildlife management purposes but we aren't always out there monitoring so pilot reports help.

If you do strike a bird or animal PLEASE REPORT IT! While impacted pilots and airports are reporting strikes, they might not know the critical role their reports play in understanding wildlife issues and developing wildlife policies. This video shows viewers what happens when a strike is reported, from the initial report entry to how the data is analyzed and then used on a national, regional, and airport level. Watch it here:

<http://www.faa.gov/airports/safety-video-series/>

I have posted the Wildlife Strike Reporting form on the airport's website under [Wildlife Strike Information](#). In the event of a strike you can download it, fill it out and mail it in. It is double sided and designed so that you fill out one side, fold it, tape it closed and drop it right in the mailbox – no postage necessary. The FAA also makes available an online reporting system at the Airport Wildlife Hazard Mitigation web site

(<http://www.faa.gov/go/wildlife>) or via mobile devices at <http://www.faa.gov/mobile>. Thank you for your help and continued awareness!

4. LHC6 Takes Flight!

Mrs. Pam Cote has been working on airport related projects with her 6th grade class at Sanford (all 100 of them!!). On January 26th presentations were given to the whole 6th grade class on the way that airports impact economics. I told them about basic economics, first defining economics as the study of the production and consumption of goods and the transfer of wealth to produce and obtain those goods. With regard to aviation, flight itself is the service and many “goods” from airplanes to airports go along with that service to make it happen for many reasons including transport, travel, leisure, sport, war, and space exploration. We finished off by talking about all of the different jobs that exist having to do with aviation.

Our local Civil Air Patrol also presented and stole the show when Major Blain Cote revealed the new drone that York County Emergency Management Agency has obtained for aiding in emergency situations and assessment. A lecture on economics just can't compete!



5. A Note for Hangar Owners

The time may come that you will look into selling your hangar at SFM. If that is something you are considering, please remember that it is not just the building that is affected – your lease agreement must be transferred to the new owner as well. Per most of the lease agreements and in consideration of the work that has to go on behind the scenes to get the lease agreements transferred 30 days prior written notice to the airport manager's office is required. That's prior to selling and all that is needed is a record stating that you are looking to sell you holdings; you don't necessarily need to know to whom you are selling to at that point. This isn't to be an onerous pain in the you-know—what, the notice allows everyone to get on the same page and get all the required pieces into place. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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.

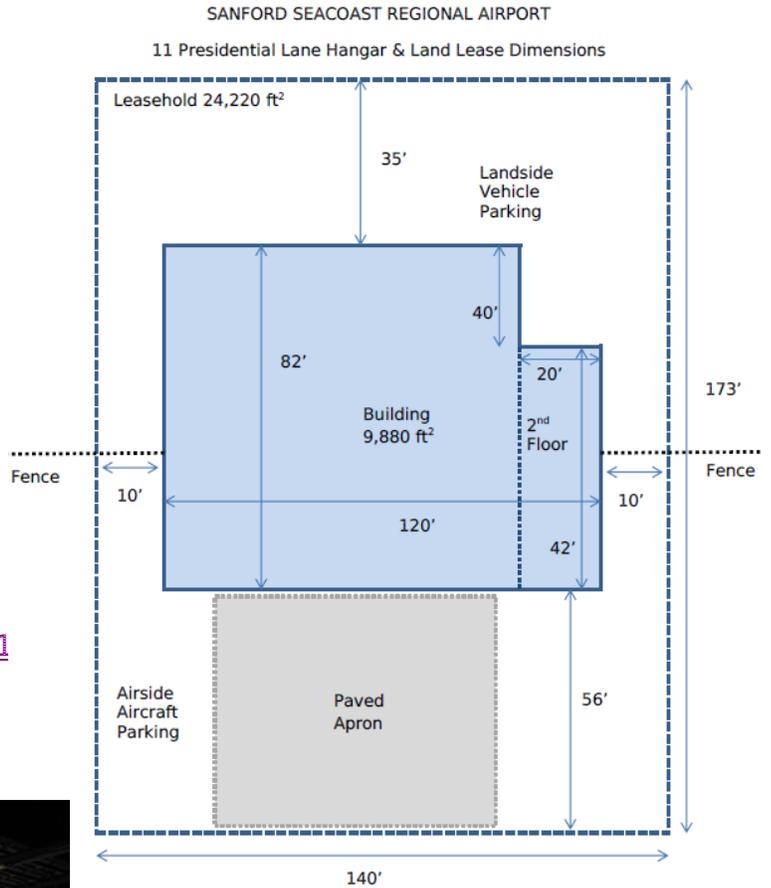
Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Gary Samia of Century 21 real estate at (207)324-4866. MREIS 1206289



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Check out the listing by pasting this link in your browser:

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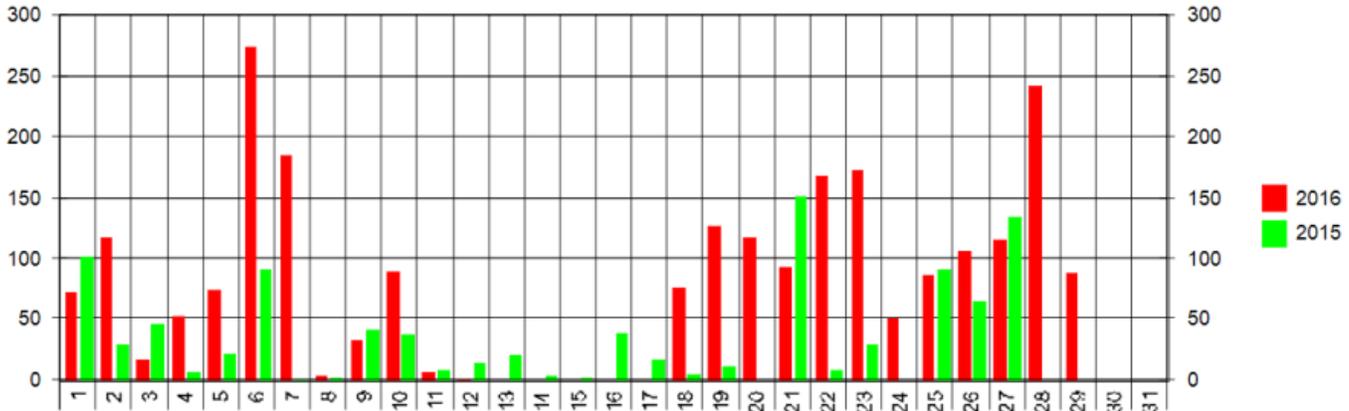
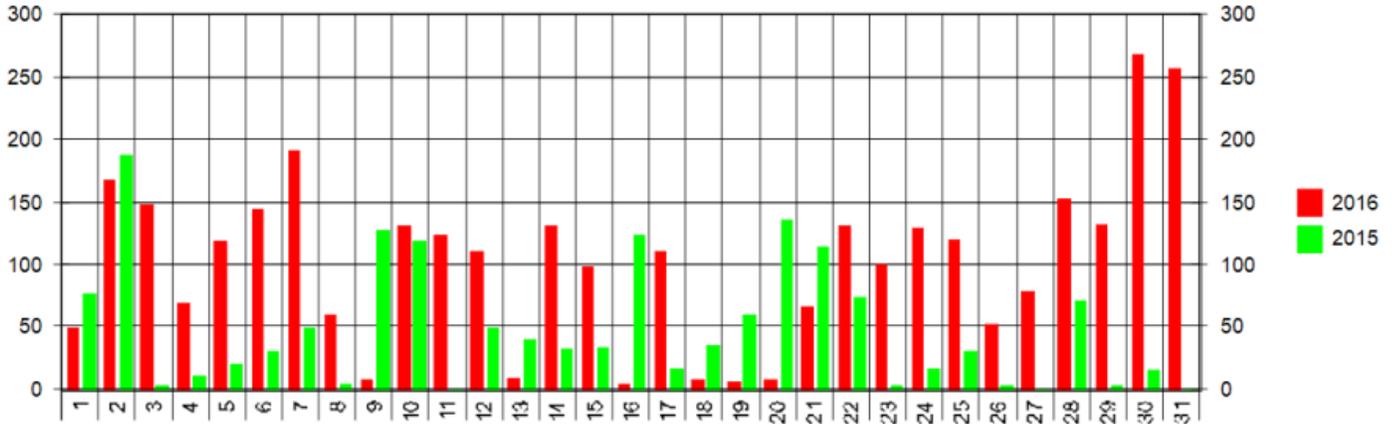


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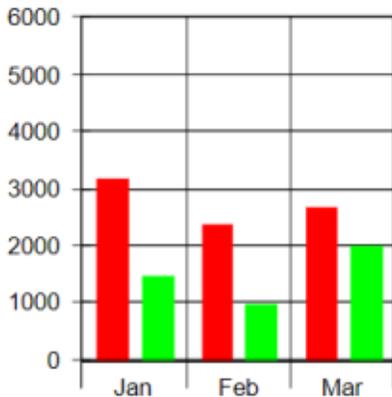
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7. GARD Report for January and February 2016

In January 2016, shown below in red, we had an estimated 3,182 operations at SFM, up from 1,479 the same month in 2015, shown in green. Milder weather likely had quite a bit to do with the increased number of operations.



The graph above shows February 2016 in red versus February 2015 in green. There were a few days of very little activity in the middle of the month which curiously coincide with a similar week last year. In 2016 February's total was 2,358 takeoffs and landings which was also higher than 2015 despite the week of very low activity. The second month in 2015 only saw an estimated 965 operations.



You can see from a snapshot to the left of 2016 (red) versus 2015 (green) that we are doing much better in 2016, again likely attributed to the better weather conditions. We already surpassed March 2015's numbers and we are only 15 days into the month.

I saw some crocuses popping through the mulch the other day... Spring is coming! My husband and I celebrated our "first" wedding anniversary on February 29th. To celebrate we went on a bit of a shopping spree and geared up for a spring, summer, and fall of backpacking around Maine and NH. Anyone into that sort of thing with trail suggestions for 2-3 days trips please let me know! Bring on the warmer weather!! Your airport manager,

Aileen SFM

