

1. Upcoming events

→ Airport Advisory Committee Meeting

May 9th, 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](#).

→ Touch A Truck 2017 – September 30, 2017

Planning has begun for Touch A Truck 2017 at SFM! TAT will benefit the Sanford Police Cadets. Learn more about the Cadets and all they do here:

<http://sanfordstrong.org/sanford-police-cadets/>

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever before – more to come as we get closer to the event date.

2. Advent Aviation Flight Testing

Advent Aircraft Systems designs, analyzes, manufactures, tests, certifies and supports proprietary components and systems for air vehicles. The company capabilities can address requirements for hydraulic, electrohydraulic, electromechanical, pneumatic, environmental control, aircraft sensor, water and oxygen components and systems.

The company's principal product line is the patented Advent eABS anti-skid braking system for light turbine aircraft equipped with either un-boosted or power brakes. The Advent eABS product line utilizes breakthrough GPS/digital technology to meet requirements for new aircraft in development and the retrofit market. Advent anti-skid products are available for either mechanical or brake by wire installations.

The company is conducting some flights using a Pilatus in order to test and certify a braking system they have developed. The tests required to certify the system are very benign and approximate normal aircraft operations. Taxi testing was completed at



Pease (PSM) to confirm the installed system was functioning properly and over the weekend additional company testing was conducted here at SFM. Thursday's operations entail the formal FAA ground and flight testing leading to certification of the braking system. You may see personnel out on the airfield as well as fire apparatus standing by for emergency response if needed. Normal airport operations will take place and no closures are planned. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Check out more about the company here: [ADVENT AVIATION WEBSITE](#).

3. Sanford Airport Solar, LLC



You may have heard that the solar developer, Ranger Solar, has been acquired by NextEra Energy, a global leader in the development of renewable heat and power. NextEra Energy will not only be the company constructing the Airport Solar Project but will also function as the Operator for the life of the solar array. This will provide an added level of continuity for the project. I am happy to report that our local contacts with Ranger Solar staff will not change.

Company information on NextEra Energy can be found at <http://www.nexteraenergy.com/>

Left is a photo of a portion of the solar development that currently exists at the Indianapolis Airport (IND). The next steps with our project involve environmental permitting. Construction is slated for 2018. More to come on this project as design become finalized.

4. Life Flight @ SFM

Life Flight has begun operating out of SFM! We are pleased to welcome them as they start out with 12 hour shifts for about a month before going 24/7. Read all about it in the article [HERE](#).

Your airport manager,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison SFM".

