1. Upcoming Events

Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday May 9th, 2019 at 8:00am at our new airport administration and maintenance building!! 9 Presidential Lane, Sanford. More info is posted on the City’s website www.sanfordmaine.org.

Discover Adventure Aviation Camp!
2. Landing Soon: Pilots Cove Café!

This spring, visitors to SFM can expect an exciting new option to feed their appetite. Locals and travelers will want to make time to stop into Pilots Cove Café, the newest renovation among ongoing construction within the airport. With over 40 years in the industry collectively, the café team is excited to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner menus packed with homestyle favorites and tasty drink options. Co-owned by a veteran and pilot, the café is proud to offer a military discount. Diners can look forward to being served by a waitstaff in flight attendant attire while observing planes fly in and enjoy some acoustic music on the patio during those warm spring and summer evenings. Busy executives looking for a place to grab a quick bite while reviewing meeting notes will be pleased with the comfortable atmosphere of the café.

A weary traveler in need of a break and nourishment will relish in the meals that make them feel like they’re home. As for the fellow local Mainers, Pilots Cove Café will quickly become your favorite eatery in the Sanford area!

For a peek at the menu, hours, and updates on opening day, please visit www.pilotscovecafe.com

They’re also on Facebook and Instagram – check it out!

3. We’ve moved: Airport Administration and Maintenance Building

The official photos haven’t been released to us yet, but here is a good one from TPD Construction’s Instagram account of the repair bay as viewed from the mezzanine. We are all moved in and slowly but surely reorganizing and adjusting to our new building. It is incredible the technology and efficiency of systems – the new space fits just about all of our equipment and even though it’s almost 7 times larger than the old shop, the utility costs are only about twice as much!
Here is the new contact information for the Airport Maintenance Department and my office:

Mailing, billing and shipping address:
9 Presidential Lane
Sanford, Maine 04073

Airport Manager’s Office: 207-324-3172
Maintenance Office: 207-324-8695
Fax: 207-324-3094

Thanks for all your understanding and patience as we go through this transition. The new building has so many benefits for the airfield – longer equipment life, lower overall operating costs over the life of the building, increased operational capability, especially for winter storm response due to the heated sand storage, a more professional and permanent location, and happier and healthier employees making sure the airport is running at its best!

I look forward to inviting everyone to our open house once the weather warms and the site work is complete.

4. FOR SALE: Building E27, the Former Maintenance Shop

The City of Sanford, Maine is seeking bids for the purchase of building E27 at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport.

Sealed bids which meet the delivery format specified in the City’s Request for Proposals (RFP), shall be received until 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 29, 2019 at the Airport Manager’s Office at 9 Presidential Lane, Sanford, Maine 04073, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid documents may be obtained on or after March 22, 2019 in three locations:
1. At the Office of the Airport Manager at 9 Presidential Lane, Sanford Maine; or,
2. At the Office of the City Manager, 919 Main Street, Sanford, Maine; or,
3. Downloaded from the City’s website: www.sanfordmaine.org/airport.

I am the Owner’s representative in this bidding process. Contact me at the phone number at the top of this page or via email at marogers@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.
5. **Construction Season!**

You may have noticed several areas of construction around the airport – we are quite literally surrounded by progress!

*East Hangars*

A new six unit hangar is being constructed on the north side of the general aviation ramp adjacent to the terminal building. The area is cordoned off with orange and white barriers to help show the area unavailable for taxiing and parking. Completion is estimated for late spring/early summer.

*West Hangar: Life Flight Building*

A new facility is being constructed to house Life Flight on the west side of the airfield just outside the existing fence along Taxiway Charlie. Steel has started going up so you’ll see some quick progress there! We will be leaving the fencing up until the project is just about complete, so it should be no factor to airport operations. Anticipated move in date for Life Flight is July 1.

*Southern Tree Clearing*

You may have noticed timber coming down on the south side of the airfield. This is the first step in the construction of the solar farm! Due to permit conditions, all work for this phase of construction will be completed by May 1 and nothing can happen on the airport until September 1. This is the active time period for several species including the black racer snake, grasshopper sparrow, and upland sandpiper. They have all summer to do their thing and then construction will begin again in the late summer/early fall. This phase of construction has very little impact on operations, but the presence will be greatly increased once the full installation begins. I will be sure to share information on that as we get closer.

Please never hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or comments. Funny and interesting stories are also welcome. 😊

Again, I thank all of our tenants and patrons as we go through all this: the mess of success!

Your airport manager,