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](#).

   ✅ Young Eagles Rally this Saturday!
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 Successfully Completed Tests at SFM!

by Chad Trautvetter
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Advent Aircraft Systems expects to receive FAA STC approval this month for its eABS anti-skid braking system for the Pilatus PC-12. The company completed flight tests of the system on the turboprop single late last month at Maine’s Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport.

During the FAA trials conducted on March 30, stopping distances were reduced by an average of 24 percent, while landing rolls were shortened by an average of 26 percent, compared to the aircraft flight manual distances. In addition, maximum takeoff weight accelerate-stopping dropped by average of 19 percent, equating to reductions of 620 feet in dry conditions and 520 feet in wet conditions, Advent said. The tests were conducted on both dry and wet runways and without the use of reverse thrust.

Pilatus authorized service center ProStar Aviation will start the first installation of the eABS system on a PC-12 this week. The system is available via most Pilatus authorized service centers, according to Advent.

Advent’s eABS system is already approved for the Eclipse EA500/550 and Beechcraft King Air B300, and an STC pending on the King Air B200.


A big thank you to our fire department for spending much of the day at the airport overseeing Advent’s operations to provide a quick, safe response if needed. Advent Aviation and the FAA tester were very impressed with your professionalism and flexibility on short notice.
3. *Life Flight @ SFM*
   Knowing that Life Flight now has a base locally, we were very interested to read the recent article in DownEast Magazine, which provided a fascinating inside view into LifeFlight and how it operates day to day. It is a gripping read and well worth your time to check out! [http://downeast.com/healers-in-the-sky/](http://downeast.com/healers-in-the-sky/)

4. **A look back in history...**
   May 6th marks the 80th anniversary of the 1937 Hindenburg disaster. The 801ft German airship caught fire while attempting to land at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, New Jersey. Of the 97 passengers and crew on board, 36 perished while 62 managed to survive the fire that brought the airship down in less than a minute.

   Because of this tragic event, airships, dirigibles or if you prefer zeppelins, the airship travel era all but ended. The actual cause of the initial fire and its location that incinerated the ship was never found and still remains subject to many debates to this day.