As the Beacon Turns
Manager’s Report
May 2014

1. Upcoming events
   - Boy Scout Camporee 2nd weekend of May
   - Touch-A-Truck May 31st from 1000 – 1400 on Presidential Lane
   - Maine Model Jet Rally September 5th - 7th

2. GARD report on estimated operations numbers for the month of March 2014
   Summary:
   - Estimate of 1,683 operations for month of April (Based on 4 transmission per arrival and 3 per departure)
   - 959 minutes of transmissions in April the average length of which was 7 seconds
   - Total estimated operations (takeoffs and landings) at SFM for 2014 as of May 2 is 5,202

Month of April 2014
This is the new report we received with our last update. It allows the user to mouse over any hour block on any day and play the transmissions within that hour or see the stats for the hour. It also allows the user to add in notes for unusual circumstances. For instance, you’ll notice on the 8th and the 15th there are little plus symbols – they indicate a note I entered for those days “HIGH WINDS”. Looking at the traffic for those days it makes sense now that there was very little activity. You can also easily see the highest times of activity based on the color coding. 1000 Saturday the 12th was the busiest hour of the month. We had some late night practice on the 4th and 18th. All in all, a very useful way to view it all in one snapshot.
3. Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board
I am happy to report that I have put in for a position on the Maine Department of Transportation’s Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board (MAAB). The statutory duties of the Board are to “advise the Department on matters relating to aeronautics and recommendations for change to the aeronautical laws and comments upon the present and future needs of that service.” In addition to the statutory duties, the board shall focus on recommendations that enhance the economic opportunities and safety of the general public. More here: MAAB

There are many interesting and worthwhile developments coming about with the State and its approach to aviation. Discussed at the April meeting were:
- upcoming improvements to the GARD system to possibly include a “runway occupied” system at each runway hold bar that notifies pilots when there is movement on a runway,
- confirmation of 100% funding of the existing GARD system by MDOT,
- earlier processing of CIP requests to streamline funding,
- the use of aircraft fuel taxes in relation to airport improvements,
- 2014’s 100% funded crack sealing project,
- incorporating aviation into the annual Maine Transportation Conference,
- MDOT’s Airport Prioritization Project and its effects and implications, and
- the possibility of developing a block of money dedicated to funding projects not eligible for FAA monies such as equipment, buildings, etc.

There are many positive and exciting developments on the horizon for airports in Maine and would like to be a part of that through membership on the MAAB. The Commissioner will select the new members to be appointed at the July meeting.

4. Airport Sign
Results of the recent bid opening will be brought before the City Council for action and then we can get rolling on construction and installation!
5. **Airport Master Plan Grant Application Submitted**
   We hope to receive the grant offer and begin the much needed project in July.

6. **Seacoast Taxilane Reconstruction Project: Construction Grant Application Submitted**
   We hope to receive a grant offer back from FAA sometime in July. Duration of construction will depend largely on weather and is set to occur over a two to four week period this summer/ fall, exact dates yet to be determined. Once the grant offer, contract and schedule are nailed down the information will be disseminated to tenants.

**In other news**, my schedule will be changing for the summer months. I will be in the office Monday through Wednesday from about 7am to 4pm. Feel free to stop by and say hi if you are in the neighborhood!

Your airport manager,

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