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As the Beacon Turns Manager's Report May 2016

1. Upcoming events

- **Touch A Truck** – our 3rd Annual to Benefit Camp Kita! Saturday June 4th from 10a to 2pm –on the airport's website [here](#), and on Facebook [here](#).
- **Young Eagles Flight Rally** planned for Saturday, June 25th More Information in the June newsletter!
- **Airport Advisory Committee Meeting** July 12th, 2016 8:00am 3rd Floor Conference Room, Sanford City Hall



Thank you John and Sue for a wonderful seminar on **SHARING THE AIRSPACE WITH GLIDERS AND OTHERS**. There was a lot of interest in the subject.



The **BBQ and Cookie Bake-Off** raised **\$441** for York County's local food pantry with Jann Clark bragging rights for her 7 layer cookie.

- Sanford Film Festival The third annual Sanford International Film Festival is ready to offer five days of incredible programming on May 25th – 29th! Here are some highlights:



Wednesday, May 25th is the Student Film Festival presented by The Sanford Strong Coalition, featuring some of the best

student work, both local and international! Highlights include the world premiere of “Besties,” written and directed by SHS senior Sara Champagne, about a teenage psychopath plotting to kill her best friend, and “The Wanderer,” directed by Bodhi Oulette, from the Portland Arts and Technology High School, about a mysterious wanderer who wakes up, lost on his quest to save his wife and child.

Thursday, May 26th is Sanford History and Docu-drama Night, brought to you by H. A. Mapes, Inc., featuring selected clips from the Northeast Historic Films “Goodall Collection” - including a fly-over of Sanford Maine from the 1930s - followed by “The Town that Refused to Die,” the docudrama about Sanford reinventing itself after the closing of the mills in 1955, and an additional selection of short and feature documentaries. This evening will be FREE to the public. VIP pass holders will each have a reserved seat at the screening, which will be held at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society.

Friday, May 27th is Horror Friday at Smitty’s Cinema, where we’ll be screening the best local, regional, national and international horror, including the Maine premiere of Somerville filmmakers Sophia Cacciola and Michael J. Epstein’s retro vampire epic “Blood of the Tribades,” and David Spaltro’s terrifying exorcism drama “In the Dark.” We will also show the incredible Bonfire Films adaptation of the Stephen King short story “Suffer the Little Children,” starring Anne Bobby of Clive Barker’s “Nightbreed” and “The Hanover House.” This shocking short was filmed locally at Sanford High School, and has received dozens of awards in its festival run so far. Horror Friday ends with the Maine Premiere of the completely NSFW zombie-stripper splatter-fest, “Peelers.”

Saturday, May 28th begins with morning film-making workshops (details on sanfordfilmfest.com), an expanded farmers’ market in Central Park, and a 2.5 Hour Family Block of films featuring Tom Babbitt’s “The Something” based on a short story by the creator of Tuck Everlasting, author Natalie Babbitt. We are also excited to present the feature-length, whimsical adventure comedy “Fiddlesticks,” which is the highest-rated family film in the history of the Sanford International Film Festival. Saturday afternoon is all about the films: two screens featuring the best drama, comedy, and mixed-genre films from around the world. Saturday evening, all eyes are on our world-class Tommy Awards ceremony, which is open to the public (tickets sold at the door or on the film fest website) at Nasson Little Theatre. Attendees



receive the red carpet treatment as they have their photos taken, are treated to a delicious variety of hot and cold foods, and indulge in beer from Funky Bow Brewery, cider from Urban Farm Fermentory, and plenty of soft drinks while rubbing shoulders with filmmakers. The ceremony culminates with the presentation of the second annual TOMMY Awards, modeled after Thomas Goodall, Sanford's founding father, and created locally at Sanford Regional Technical Center.

Sunday, May 29th features the SIFF Best-In-Festival program, sponsored by SIS Bank, the perfect way to view all the best SIFF films in one spot. The day begins with a brunch for VIP ticket holders at Bradford Block Bistro (**included with your ticket purchase!) or, for those who want to learn more about film-making, a workshop with a celebrity guest. Sunday's Best in Fest program starts with a public read-through of the award-winning screenplay (announced at the Tommy Awards Celebration on Saturday), followed by screenings of the major award-winning films introduced by Festival Director James Harmon. This is your chance to see, back to back, the films that have won awards for Audience Choice, Best Short, Best Maine Film, Best Documentary, Best Music Video, Best International Film, and Best Feature. We will wrap up the Sanford International Film Festival with a coffee social, courtesy of coffee sponsor Coffee By Design, and complimentary for all interested attendees.



Please visit sanfordfilmfest.com to purchase your tickets in advance!

2. SFM's proposed development: Solar Farm

The City Council has approved a lease agreement for a solar farm at the airport that would be the largest in the state, and one of the largest in New England, if all goes according to plan.

The agreement with Ranger Solar — doing business as Sanford Airport Solar, LLC, for the project — is for the lease of 226 acres of surplus land at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport to develop a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) system.

The lease provides for a four-year development term for permitting,



environmental studies, and design, said Airport Manager Allison Rogers. Once the solar array is up and running, the production term under the lease is in five-year increments, and can be renewed or extended every five years up to 40 years. When the lease is terminated, the terms call for a restoration phase at which time the tenant is required to restore the property to its previous condition or better.

The airport property is about 11,000 acres, Rogers told councilors at the May 3 meeting. "Some of that land is surplus — it is not needed for aeronautical use in the short-term . . . in at least the next 50 years," she said.

"The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) does not like us to sell our land," Rogers said. Leasing airport land not in use provides additional income to the airport, adds to the city's tax base and will provide new jobs.

Ranger Solar will pay a one-time signing fee of \$10,000 at the start of the development term, and if and when construction begins on the site, a one-time fee of \$5,000. The tenant will pay \$700 per acre per year for the first five years. That amount will increase by \$100 per acre per year in year six and an additional \$100 every five years if the lease is extended.

Sanford Airport Solar will be up to 50-megawatts in size and is expected to provide approximately \$29 million of new taxable investment in the community. Ranger Solar expects the project to create about 94 full-time jobs during the construction phase and about nine full-time operations jobs when it is on line.

Power from Sanford Airport Solar will likely be the least expensive solar power in New England, according to a Ranger Solar's summary of the project.

"This is a massive, complex, and unique project that will need to overcome many hurdles to reach fruition and the background research, development, permitting, permissions and release from obligations will take us into 2018 when construction is currently slated to begin," Rogers said in a memo to City Manager Steven Buck. "We have worked very closely with Ranger in developing this agreement, using a lease already in place and approved by the FAA at the Denver International Airport."

The project will bring the airport to a revenue neutral status so it will no longer require property taxation to support its general operations, Buck wrote in his report to the city council. He said it will significantly reduce the overall tax burden within the community while allowing a private company to develop a profitable business model to produce and sell clean domestic energy.

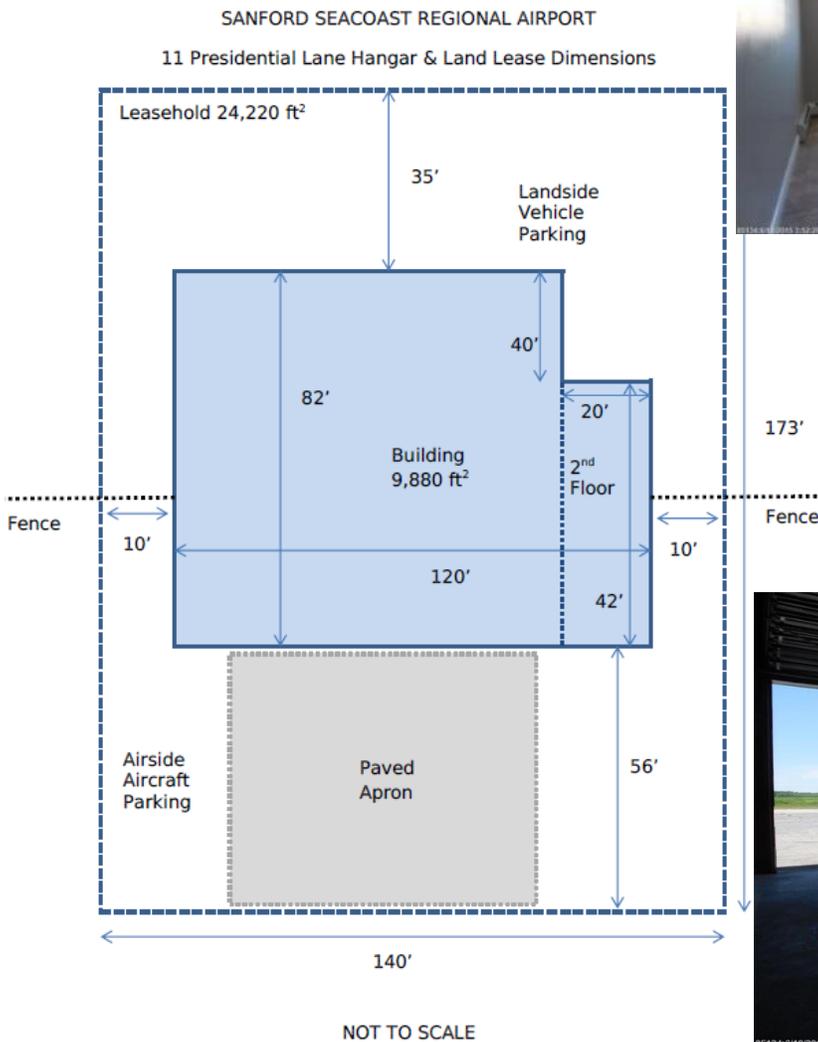
Buck said work on the solar project began about three years ago. At the time, he said, there was a moratorium on the development of solar arrays at airports. He praised Rogers and Ranger Solar (including Aaron Svedlow, the director of environmental permitting with Ranger Solar) for their work on the Sanford Airport Solar project.

-Fosters Daily Democrat, Ellen W. Todd

3. 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.

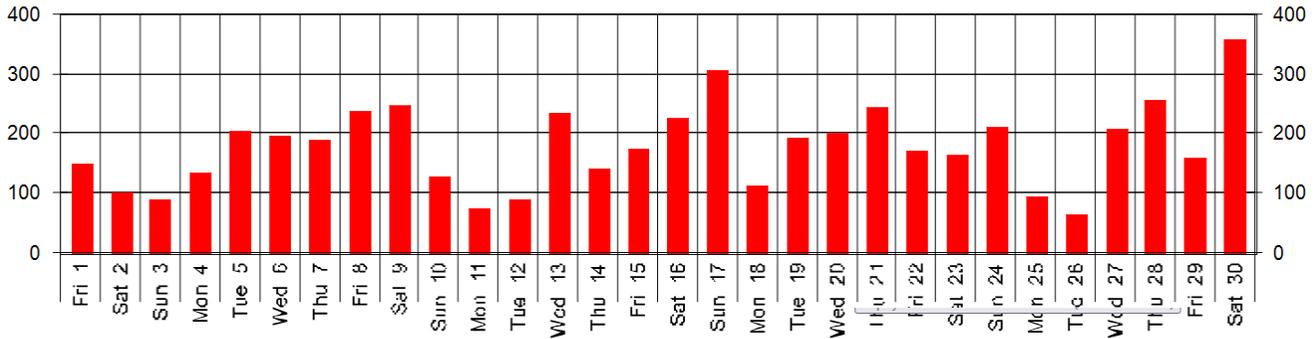
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4. GARD Report for April 2016

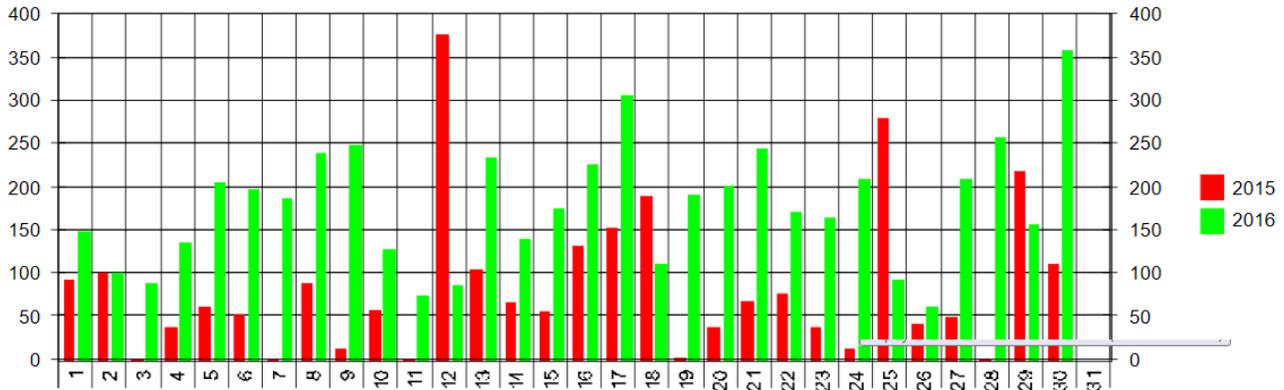
In April 2016, shown below, we had an estimated 5,340 operations at SFM. We have had pretty steady operations with spikes in activity typically occurring on the weekends.

Estimate of Aircraft Operations Per Day For the 04 Month 2016



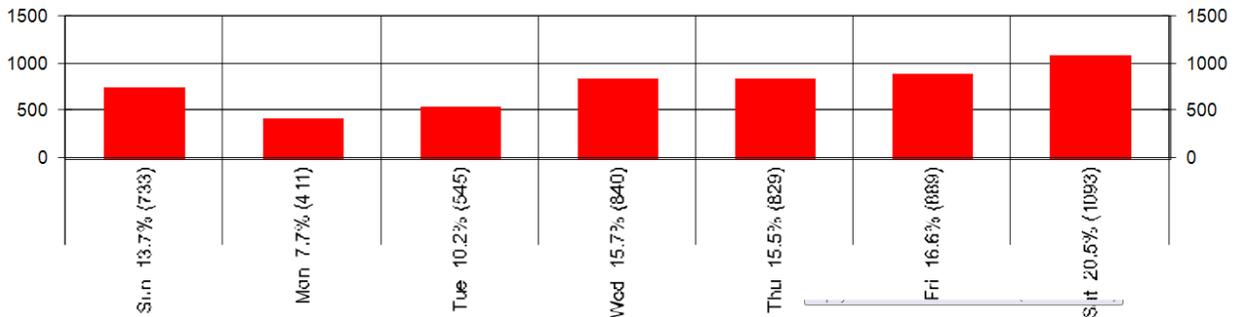
Comparing April 2015, in red, to the same month in 2016, in green, one can see right away that we had a much better month this year.

Comparing Aircraft Operations Per Day For the 04 Month, Year 2015 Against The 04 Month, Year 2016



The graph below shows the percentage of operations during the month of April that occurred on each day of the week. As you can see it is a pretty level breakout, with Saturday being the most popular flying day over Friday by a slim margin.

Estimate of Aircraft Operations Per Day For the 04 Month 2016



May is **Lyme Disease Awareness** month in Maine. I have attached Maine's Public Health Advisory for your perusal – it contains a lot fo good infromation. Be safe!

Lots of events and fun happenings going on at the airport and around town – let's get out there and enjoy!

Your airport manager,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison" with "SFM" written in smaller letters underneath.

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