As the Beacon Turns
Manager’s Report
September 2015

1. Upcoming events
   - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting September 8th, 2015 7:30am Sanford City Hall

2. Our new Maintenance Worker: Joe Ridley!
   Please welcome Joe Ridley to the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport as the Airport Maintenance Worker. Joe started his employment with the City August 17, 2015. Joe brings extensive experience in engine repair and maintenance and significant plowing experience for the City as well as the Airport. Joe also brings his ability to operate a wide variety of equipment and possesses a Class A license. We are very happy to welcome Joe back to the City of Sanford. Joe had previously worked for the Department of Public Works until the layoff due to budget cuts in 2011. Joe’s experience and knowledge will be a great asset to the City and to SFM!

3. Model Jet Rally Taking Year Off
   Typically this time of year we are all gearing up for the Maine Model Jet Rally. The decision has been made to take a year off.
   We would encourage everyone to get your aviation fix by checking out the Blue Angels at Brunswick in the Great State of Maine Airshow this coming weekend September 5 and 6. Check it out here: THE GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIRSHOW

4. Young Eagles Flight Rally
   The Young Eagles Flight Rally went very well this weekend! They flew 55 children throughout the day using 6 aircraft. A special and heartfelt thank you to all the pilots who volunteered their time, equipment and talent!

5. Angel Flight Needs Pilots!
   Angel Flight is a group whose members provide free transportation for needy patients and perform other missions of community service. The non-profit organization helps arrange free, non-emergency air transportation for patients who require medical treatment but who cannot afford to pay for a commercial flight. Transportation is provided by volunteer pilots, often using their own private general aviation aircraft. Angel Flight missions are made possible by pilots who volunteer their time, their skills, and the funds required for aircraft operating expenses. Many pilots provide Angel
Flights in their own personal aircraft, although some do so using rented aircraft. Pilots must usually meet certain minimum flight experience requirements before they are allowed to command an Angel Flight mission (typically 250 solo hours).

The following was sent from Angel Flight New England:

Thursday, August 27, 2015
We have only 28 pilots located in Maine. Most of our Maine flights (we have a lot) are flown by out of state pilots.
If you know of any Maine pilots who would be interested in flying with Angel Flight NE, please let me know. It costs nothing to join and the pilots find it to be a very rewarding experience helping others simply by giving them a ride.
We have just initiated an FAA approved fuel payment program for fuel used on an Angel Flight mission. AFNE will pay $4/gal single engine and $3/gal multi for 100 LL to participating pilots. The participating pilot has to meet a number of FAA mandated requirements, but the payment is worth it.
Regards,
Roger D’Entremont
Angel Flight NE
Pilot Administrator
978-794-6868
roger@angelflightne.org

6. Based Aircraft
SFM currently has 109 aircraft that call it home base. Of the 34 reporting airports in Maine, this is the highest. We can be very proud that our airport is so general aviation friendly and has such an excellent fixed base operator, Southern Maine Aviation, providing customer service that just can’t be beat. The City operates, maintains and preserves a high-quality aviation facility at the SFM that is safe, secure, represents the region it serves, responds to community feedback, and promotes economic development. Thank you to our pilots for helping as I gathered and verified the info.
7. 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. Please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Gary Samia of Century 21 real estate at (207)324-4866. MREIS 1206289

Check out the listing by pasting this link in your browser: http://www.c21samia.com/real-estate/maine/sanford/mreis/1206289/11---presidential-ln-sanford-maine-04073.html

8. Gate Numbering

You may have noticed around the airfield that there are some new signs on the gates. We have instituted a numerical gate numbering system for continuity, more intuitive...
navigation around the airfield for both users and emergency responders, and in the
general interest of common sense. Number 1 is located on the east side of the airfield
adjacent to the South Sanford Fire Station and the numbering continues
counterclockwise around the airport property. Pedestrian gates have the numeral of
the prior gate followed by a letter. Our aim is to make the airfield safer and more user
friendly.

9. **GARD Report for August 2015**

In August estimated operations totaled 2,455. The first table below shows the
breakdown of these operations by day of the month; 1,290 minutes of traffic were
recorded with an average transmission lasting 3 seconds. Very interesting to note –
there were virtually no operations on Tuesdays all month. I am not sure if this is a
coincidence; if anyone has an explanation or theory I would be interested to hear it.

![Estimate of Aircraft Operations Per Day For the 08 Month 2015]

![Average Week of Radio Traffic Per Day For the 08 Month 2015]

The graph to the right shows average operations per day of the week during the course of the
month with Fridays and Wednesdays being the most active days.
The above graph compares August 2015 in red with the same month in 2014 in green. As you can see just from a quick glance, there was a lot more radio activity in August of last year.

Minutes of Radio Traffic Per Month 2015

The graph to the left shows the estimated number of operations per month at the end of August 2015.

Year to date in 2015 there have been an estimated 15,115 take offs and landings at SFM.

Get out there and enjoy the tail end of this wonderful summer!

Your airport manager,

Herb mowing the segmented circle.