1. Upcoming Events
   
   ➔ **Public Informational Meeting for Sanford Airport Solar, LLC**
   
   Please take notice that Sanford Airport Solar, LLC (SAS), an affiliate of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, with offices located at 677 Cousins Street, Yarmouth, Maine, 04096, will be holding a public informational meeting regarding the proposed Sanford Airport Solar Project (“Solar Project”). **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Southern Maine Aviation, 199 Airport Road, Sanford, ME 04073.**

   The purpose of the meeting is for the applicant, Sanford Airport Solar, to inform the public of the Solar Project and its anticipated environmental impacts, and to educate the public about the opportunities for public comment on the Solar Project. Additional comment and engagement opportunities will be available to the public throughout much of the permit review process, according to local and state guidelines.

   Following the public informational meeting, SAS intends to file for applicable permits with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. SAS also intends to file for applicable permits with the City of Sanford. In addition, and if needed, Sanford Airport Solar will also submit an application for review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

   **Project Overview**

   The proposed Solar Project will be a 50 megawatt (MW), photovoltaic solar generation facility, constructed on approximately 623 acres of land located at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport off Main Street (State Route 109) and on lands to the north and west of the Airport off of Cyro Drive and Alfred Road (State Route 4) in Sanford, Maine. The ground mounted photovoltaic panels are anticipated to occupy approximately 303 acres of this land, which will also include associated access roads and fencing as needed for safe and efficient operation and maintenance. The Solar Project also includes associated buried and above ground collection lines and electrical infrastructure and a substation that will connect the Solar Project to the electric grid at the north end of Cyro Drive. Sanford Airport Solar has conducted a rigorous effort during design to reduce environmental impacts to the greatest extent practicable and to ensure compatibility with land uses at the Airport and surrounding lands. Development of the solar generation facility at the Airport will have a direct benefit to the local community by helping the Airport become financially self-sufficient and less reliant on taxpayer dollars for operational funding. Please see the attached Sanford Airport Solar Project Location Map for more information.

   We are looking forward to hearing your questions and comments and to discussing the Project in greater detail at our **November 14th** meeting. Please feel free to contact me at (561) 691-7313 or via e-mail at SanfordAirportSolar@nexteraenergy.com.

   Sincerely,
   Elizabeth Peyton, Project Manager, Development Sanford Airport Solar, LLC

   ➔ **Airport Advisory Committee Meeting**

   January 9th, 2017 at 8:00am North Hangars @ 167 Airport Road Suite C. The 2018 meeting schedule will be posted on the City’s website soon.
2. **Young Eagles Rally held back in September!**
   This fall’s Young Eagles Rally was held Saturday September 23 from 9 am till 2pm. The Rally was big success: we flew 70 children on free airplane rides! Stay tuned for dates of the next rally.

3. **Touch A Truck 2017**
   Touch a Truck 2017 took place at the end of September this fall. Many donations of space, time, manpower, and equipment made the event a success even despite the less than perfect weather. Through the generous support of local businesses and organizations the Sanford Police Cadet program was able to raise funds to continue their program. There are over 50 youth who participate in the cadet program and the new cub cadet program where the recruits are getting not only physical training but being introduced to the core values of Honor, Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Courage, Justice, Fairness, and Citizenship. They are being exposed to the skills they will need to be successful students and community members. There were 306 attendees and over $4,800 was generated to keep the cadets going. Next year’s event will be better yet!
4. **Solar Layout**

There were several questions from pilots about what the solar panels would look like and where they would be on the infield at our last two information meetings. We have put out stakes in the infield portion of the airfield to show the basic boundaries of the panels. The entire infield is not going to be used to preserve a line of sight from one runway to another. This area is known as the Runway Visual Zone and exists at all airports where two runways intersect. The stakes have a tennis ball and a streamer of orange tape to make them a little more visible and the stake height is the approximate final height of the panels in that area. These are outside the Runway and Taxiway Object free areas with enough buffer so a vehicle, piece of equipment or mower could still drive around the panels without entering those areas protected for aircraft. I can look at a room and fully imagine a complete renovation or re-arrangement of furniture (much to my husband’s chagrin at times!) and in the same way it’s pretty easy for me to look out that the airfield and imagine the panels. I know that isn’t the case for everyone so it’s in that spirit that we have set out the stakes to try and give a better feel for the project. I also made a trip on a vacation this spring to Indianapolis where they currently have a solar farm on an airport, pictured here. That project has several separate parcels and totals about 120 acres in size. Please note, our infield will not have fencing around it.

We will have a solar panel at the public meeting tonight so I encourage anyone who has questions or is curious to attend. I hope to see you there.

5. **Another Reminder: Wildlife In and On the Vicinity of the Airport**

* A note to pilots using the airfield, especially during the hours around dawn and dusk to be on the lookout for wildlife.

There have been multiple families of deer, several coyotes, turkey, skunks and crows regularly sighted over the last couple months. We do our best by implementing our Wildlife Hazard Management Plan to reduce attractions to try and prevent the animals from living on
the airfield, scare them off when they appear, and use lethal action in accordance with our depredation permits when all else fails (as you see below). Despite all the best efforts, though, wildlife is still present on and in the vicinity of the airport. There are a few things that can be done:
- Please maintain situational awareness at all times when operating on the airfield.
- Do not feed animals on the airport or encourage them to be present in any other way. Feeding can happen directly or indirectly if you purposely hand out food or just simply make trash accessible. Maintain your aircraft and hangar so that it’s not easy for birds and other critters to co-locate with you.
- If you observe wildlife on or near the runways report it to airport operations and maintenance or to me. This can be done over the radio, by phone, or via email.
- Report wildlife strikes if they do occur. There is information on this procedure on the airport’s website and at www.faa.gov if you search wildlife strike reporting.

On the wildlife note, I cannot resist but take this opportunity to show off a couple very cheerful hunters.

Happy hunting!

Joe’s buck. What a beauty!!
Heads up to pilots, though – this deer was running across Runway 7-25 in the early morning while aircraft were operating and could have caused a strike.