

Friends of Sanford Regional Airport,

This will be the final notice for two temporary airport closures. **Here's what pilots need to know:**

Red Star Aerobatic Practice – Saturday, September 18, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: We are excited to have Red Star pilots return this year for the Pumpkin Drop into Sanford's No. 1 Pond starting at noon on Saturday. Between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm tomorrow (Saturday) we'll close the airport to give the Red Star pilots the opportunity to practice their low level formation flying and aerobatic skills. The Town Council and FAA approved aerobatic box will be the same as that used by the New England Aerobatic Club, along and to the southeast of closed runway 7-25, except that the box will start at the surface and go to 5,000'. Any aircraft needing to arrive or depart during the closure period may request to do so with a 10 minute advance notification to me on CTAF (123.075) or on my cell (207-432-0596). The aerobatic aircraft will then be asked to cease aerobatics and depart the area until the departing/arriving aircraft has safely cleared the area. A representative from the FAA will be monitoring the Pumpkin Drop and aerobatic activity.

NOTAMs for the aerobatic box and airport closure have been issued. An additional NOTAM has been issued warning pilots that there will be low flying aircraft operating between downtown Sanford and the airport for the Pumpkin Drop.

Airport Closure for Construction – Starting Monday, 20 September at 5:00 am: The entire airport will be closed to all fixed wing aircraft starting at 5:00 am on Monday, September 20 for approximately one week (hopefully less) while construction crews work 24 hours a day to remove old pavement in the runway 7-25 and 14-32 intersection and install 9 inches of new base material and 4 inches of new pavement, along with new signage and lighting. The work will extend into taxiway "E" to create a new squared off end to runway 25. To ensure the safety of construction crews, fixed wing aircraft must not land or depart on runway 14-32, on the grass adjacent to 14-32, or anywhere else on the airport. If the weather supports paving on Thursday and Friday, we hope to have runway 14-32 open on Saturday; however, please don't assume this to be the case. I'll cancel the airport closure NOTAM and email Friends of the Airport as soon as runway 14-32 is safe to open. Check NOTAMs as always because runway 7-25 will remain closed and there may be new taxiway or other restrictions even after runway 14-32 reopens.

All runways will be marked with yellow "Xs", and access to taxiways and runways will be barricaded during the closure period. Runway and taxiway lights on 14-32 will be turned off. Portland and Boston Approach Controls have been notified of the closure, and the AWOS will contain a recording to that effect.

Heavy, slow moving construction vehicles will be entering and departing the airport 24 hours a day from a gate at the intersection of Routes 109 and 99. Message boards, signage, police details, and flaggers will help ensure the safety of the motoring public along Route 109. Please drive slowly in this area.

Finally: I want to thank airport tenants for your support of the airport during this lengthy construction period. Final work on runway 7-25 will include the installation of new runway lights, installing new PAPIs and directional signage, grooving the runway, and applying all new runway markings. The runway 7-25 project remains on schedule with a late October or early November completion date. We are also working with the FAA on developing new GPS instrument approaches to runway 7-25. More on that later. Last but not least, a new taxiway and ramp off taxiway "F" will be constructed this fall near runway 7, but this work will have minimal affect on airport operations as runway 7-25 reconstruction and new ramp construction are concurrent.

Thanks again to all. Please call me if you have any questions about these closures, airport construction, or any other airport issue.

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