



# Grass Roots Flyer

## December 2019



### Airport Manager Report:

Mother Nature has once again officially dealt us winter operations. As in past years, the west half of runway 18-36, with tear drops on both ends, will be snow blown. The east half as well as runway 9-27 will be left alone for ski operations. Please use the tear drops for your warm up/run ups if the main ramp is



congested, and plan on runway taxi-backs. Please announce your intentions when taking the runway and, if in the pattern, allow for proper spacing in order to have a clear runway for landing. When in doubt of the airport condition, call ahead and check FAA "NOTAMS". "Situational Awareness"

We will be offering a private pilot ground school again this winter beginning February 17th on Monday and Thursday evenings. Call (507.645.4030) or watch the web site

([www.stantonairfield.com](http://www.stantonairfield.com)) for details if you're interested in attending.

The flight school has had a great year in 2019 including one solo and two additional tail wheel endorsements in November.

Date	Student	Instr	What	2019	Date	Student	Instr	What
3/23	NATHAN PRECUP	ML	SOLO		7/29	DAN WOLBERT	ML	SOLO
5/31	WADE NEESON	ML	TW		8/1	PATRICK MOENKHAUS	JB	TW
6/6	SCOTT SAUNDERS	ML	PRIVATE		8/16	TREY TURNER	ML	SOLO
6/7	TED ASPNES	ML	PRIVATE		8/17	JARED TESTA (WA)	JB	TW
6/8	JOE M. / HQ				8/19	DONOVAN WATSON	ML	SOLO
6/10	BRIAN McCULLAGH	JB	TW		8/19	BRODIE HANSEN	ML	PRIVATE
6/18	STEVE SHIRK	ML	TW		8/20	ADAM JOHNSON	ML	PRIVATE
6/21	CHASE REBER	ML	SOLO		8/30	CHASE REBER	ML	PRIVATE
6/26	Bill Wilson	JB	TW		9/2	ROGER SOUTHWICK	JB	TW
6/28	Adam Johnson	ML	SOLO		9/7	AARON MIKA	JB	TW
6/29	Dana Watson	ML	TW		10/4	WILLI CATURIA	JB	TW
7/13	Brodie Hansen	ML	SOLO		10/28	DAN WOLBERT	ML	PRIVATE
7/26	STEVE WADDELL	ML	PRIVATE TW		10/29	KELLY DREWS	JB	TW
					11/15	ERIK RHODE	ML	SOLO
					11/22	BRIAN VIRGINIA	JB	TW
					11/23	JARED ROLFZEN	JB	TW



We've packed and re-stacked the barn and hangars to accommodate our winter flying activities. The barn alone has 14 trailers stored. We have limited open space for additional aircraft storage this winter.

All the buildings have been re-numbered to facilitate our new insurance provider as well as any needs for first responders to the airport. The keys in the main office have been realigned, so please ask to confirm that you're taking the right key for the building you're trying to access.

Kirsty and I held our 4th annual Christmas party for the Stanton Board members and key weekly Volunteers. A good time was had by all and we again thank you for what you do for the airfield.





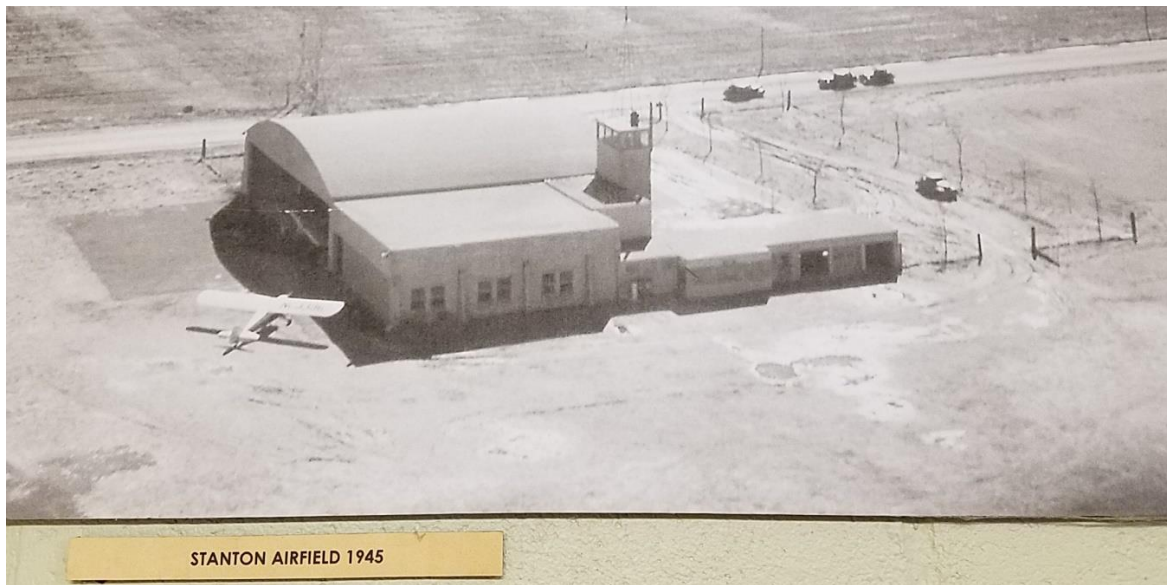
Besides the flight school being very busy this year, the shop has also seen a full load of business. Since the end of July the shop has initiated 78 customer work orders to include everything from annual inspections to major rebuilding projects. Based on the look of our future projects board in the shop, this busy schedule will continue through the winter.

A month ago we unveiled an updated web site. I hope you've had a chance to look it over. It contains much of the past site plus new features. Please let us know if you have comments and/or suggestions on improvements.

As always, please contact me with comments.

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### **A Look Back in History:**



## Happy Pilots:



(above) Erik Rhode – First Solo – 11/15/19  
Mason Lindenfelser CFI



(above) Brian Virginia – Tailwheel  
endorsement – 11/22/19 Jay Biggs  
CFI



(left) Jared Rolfzen – Tailwheel  
endorsement – 11/23/19 Jay Biggs  
CFI

## Statistics for “near” year-end:

Fuel sold in October – 1,627 gallons

Flying hours in October – 131.4 hours

Year to date flying hours – 913.2 hours (through 10/31/19)

Historical records for monthly flying hours (instruction and rental) were set in June, July, August and October.

## **Stanton wants you to VOO!!!!**

Stanton Airfield relies very heavily on its cadre of Volunteer Operation Officers - VOOs. Aside from the clear benefit to customers of having an aviation enthusiast as the point person on the front desk, there is the major benefit to Stanton in that a VOO on duty allows Stanton employees to concentrate on revenue-generating activities ranging from aircraft maintenance to flight training. This helps support a level of financial stability that in turn makes for a financially strong Stanton Airfield. And that results in maintaining the unique aviating experience Stanton provides today as well as preserving it for the future.

Today, Stanton is short on its supply of VOOs. This shortage is having an impact on the face we present to the public and the work flow around the airfield. The following is a description of what duties are and are not expected of a VOO at Stanton:

- VOO duty is relatively light work. The focus is on 1) Answering phones, 2) Booking aircraft and training on the calendar, 3) Checking out a customer when they purchase fuel, complete their rental, or complete their training, 4) Filling up planes at the gas pumps or supervising the owner's refueling, 5) General meet and greet with visitors and customers, and 6) Light custodial duty, ensuring a great first impression of our historic airfield.



- VOO duty does not include hand-propping engines or moving aircraft in and out of the hangars. All of that is best left to the staff who do it daily.

- VOO duty is flexible. The ideal coverage is from first flight in the morning to the end of the day, but this is a very long day and is rarely the case for the VOOs. We are grateful for a few hours during the day, particularly in the mid-morning to mid-afternoon period. And it does not have to be a specific time slot every week, or each and every week for that matter.

- VOO training is on-the-job-training. The routine of the front counter is easy to pick up.



- VOO scheduling is straight forward. VOOs are scheduled on the Goboko system we use for aircraft rental and flight training. You can pull it down on your cell phone or computer. If there is no VOO scheduled, then we are in need of one. And a quick call to the airfield gets you on the calendar.

If you think you might be interested please contact us at the Stanton Airfield (507) 645-4030 or [synairportmanager@gmail.com](mailto:synairportmanager@gmail.com). No inquiry generates an obligation. We all agree that Stanton Airfield is a special place and being part of it is a great feeling. Come check us out!



**Merry Christmas to All**

**From all of us at Stanton Airfield**

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**CURRENT FUEL PRICES:**

**100 LOW LEAD - \$4.50**

**SWIFT UL94 - \$4.35**

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