



Grass Roots Flyer

February 2020



Airport Manager Report:

We apologize for this month's newsletter being late, but truth be told, we've been short personnel half the month and I've yet to figure out how to squeeze more hours out of a day! That said, I'm thankful to have January in the rear view mirror. It was long and gloomy for sure and afforded us very little flying activity with all-time record lack of sun. That bright "thing" in the upper right of the picture is hopefully a sign that better weather is ahead.

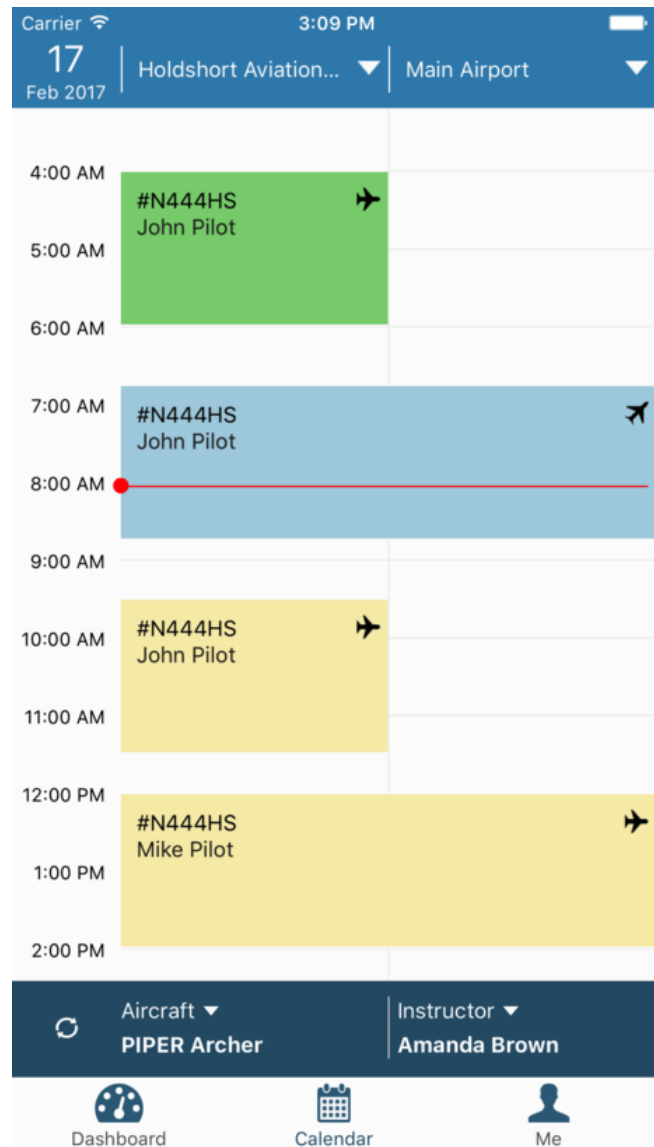


One highlight from January is a well-deserved congratulations to Zach Peterson on obtaining his tail wheel endorsement from instructor Jay Biggs on January 13th. He is the first for Stanton in 2020! Zach's endorsement is a great testament to the fact that winter flying is alive and well at Stanton. Why not join us for your next aviation accomplishment?

I have been proud to be able to work with Toby Hanson over the last three years under an A & P Apprenticeship Program. The culmination of his effort was our meeting with the MSP-FSDO and the granted approval for testing out. This past week Toby successfully passed his written and practical testing to become a licensed Airframe & Powerplant mechanic! Congratulations to Toby on this accomplishment! He has set the bar "high" for our next Apprentice.



In late January, our Goboko flight scheduling system was discontinued and replaced by a new system called HOLDSHORT. We chose this system after reviewing multiple vendors and determining they were the best bang for our buck. This new system will be friendly to our current customer base with their scheduling needs and will also provide us with various detail reports to enhance our business model and customer service. Recently, invitations were emailed out to our current list of renters to sign up. If you've yet to respond, we ask that you please do so. If you have any questions with this process or uploading of your credentials, give us a call and ask for Mindi. She has converted existing current credentials from our previous system into HOLDSHORT. Mindi will also be doing hands-on "one on one" training with our current VOO's. Like anything new, there will be spool-up time for familiarization. Our intent is to have the bugs worked out prior to the spring flying season.



Communications with our valued customers is very important to Stanton. In addition to this newsletter (which started in December 2017) and the recent updating of our website (November 2019), we've also renewed our efforts to keep our Facebook page updated ([FB Stanton Airfield](#)). In the coming months we'll also become active on Twitter. Check us out in each of these areas and give us your feedback.



Our newest Stanton clothing item for sale is reminiscent of WWII bomber jackets, with Stanton logo on the back and your name on the front. Monday VOO Tim Bjork and volunteer Jerry Rosendahl model the latest addition. Before you worry too much about Jerry's head getting cold, here's the rest of the story and another picture...

Tim and his wife are vacationing in Lake Havasu City where Jerry and his wife "snowbird" for the winter months. No need for those jackets there. Stop by Stanton anytime and custom order your new jacket!

Don't back up guys, that cactus is sharp...



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On behalf of our Stanton Sport Aviation, Inc. Board President Phil Schmalz, please take a minute to read his letter on the next page. Stanton is offering new/additional shares to be sold/acquired by existing/prospective new shareholders.

Friends of Stanton Airfield,

The Board of Directors of Historic Stanton Airfield is excited to bring you up to date on the many positive changes that have occurred in the past 3 years. The maintenance shop has been extremely busy with routine aircraft maintenance and several restoration projects. This increased activity required the hiring of additional staff. Flight school activity has increased, especially this last year. We currently have 3 part-time instructors, with 2 of them also working in the shop as part-time mechanics when time allows. The Board approved the construction of another hangar, which filled up immediately, to address the long list of airplanes waiting for storage space. We continue to have a waiting list of both airplanes and gliders. Many improvements to the existing building have been made including replacing rotting windows, doors, fixing a leaking tower roof, adding a cement patio, and regrading multiple sites to improve our site drainage. A new administrative position has been added to help with all inventory levels, purchasing, work orders, invoicing and associated QuickBooks processes. These changes have resulted in tighter controls and accountability.

All of these changes have resulted in increased productivity and revenue, but also have increased expenses. Even with all that has been done, there are still important projects left to complete such as the main building roof, electrical/plumbing upgrades, equipment upgrades and new shop windows.

The Board relies on the Friends of Historic Carleton Airport, volunteers and individual users to help maintain, improve and market the airport, but this takes funds that the airport does not have. You are receiving this letter because you are a user and a supporter of Stanton Airfield. The Board is inviting you to become more involved in the support of the airport by buying shares in Stanton Sport Aviation, Inc. The minimum purchase is 2 shares. A share sells for \$1,000 and entitles you to a voice at the annual meeting and input on the election of Board of Directors. The funds generated by the sale of these shares will be used to increase Stanton Sport aviation's asset base.

I hope you will consider purchasing 2 or more shares as an initial investment or as an addition to your current shares to continue your support of Stanton Airfield. Share purchases require Board approval. Your intention may be addressed to

board Secretary Bill Gacki (wfg@comcast.net) or Board President Phil Schmalz (bpschmalz@charter.net). Thank you for your consideration.



Do you have a small or nagging problem with your airplane? Stanton mechanics can take care of that for you – big or small! This Cherokee had a very small fuel leak. Tanks taken out and leak found and fixed. Back in the air in no time. Give us a call, maybe we can diagnose the problem on the phone, or schedule it into our shop to have it fixed.

Speaking of our shop (photo on right), our mechanics sometimes have to utilize extraordinary means to deal with a project. Here we see Mason using his head....literally. He also needed a booster chair of sorts. He seems to be saying, “John, can you hurry up and find that tool you’re looking for? My head is starting to hurt.”



If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

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