



Grass Roots Flyer February 2021



We're calling this our SNOW issue:



Thanks to Curt Johnson for this beautiful January overhead picture of our wonderful Stanton Airfield. Making it look like this after multiple inches of snow along with winds gusting to 30 is no small task. Stanton staff has done a tremendous job keeping the runways open for tenants, students and transients. If the runways aren't open, our shop and flight school can't continue operations. Our tractor and mounted snowblower have been



clearing the runways and around the buildings for years, and they're both getting

very tired. The Stanton board of directors has been looking into options for eventually replacing tractor, snowblower and mower. All options, of course, are very costly. Recently a demonstration was held using a different type/size of tractor and snowblower. The tractor is smaller and uses a rear-mounted blower but the tractor drives forward instead of backing up, which staff has to do now.



First endorsement of 2021:

Andrew Duckwell received his tailwheel endorsement in January to become our first endorsement of the year. Flight training doesn't stop just because of a little snow and cold! Contact us now to get on the schedule for your initial private pilot training, tailwheel endorsement or flight review. See our website or flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for information on our 3rd annual private pilot ground school.





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2020 Annual Report

To the Supporters of the Historic Carleton Airport –

2020 was another very successful year for the Friends. Donations for the year were \$15,200 – including significant donations in memory of Kirsty McCracken and Mike Schwendeman. We are extremely grateful to the 30+ donors who donated in 2020!

In 2020, \$16,400 in projects were funded at Stanton. The major projects funded in 2020 were an unplanned boiler repair, sprucing up the FBO interior, and completing a major portion of the roof repair and replacement.

The successful Roof Repair Capital Campaign raised \$25,000 in 2018 and 2019. It looks like we will be able to complete the project slightly under budget!

Since our inception in late 2016, your generous donations have totaled over \$64,500. In that time, we have funded over \$39,000 in projects.

At the end of 2020 our bank balance was \$26,600.

Again in 2020, the Board of Directors personally donated all operating expenses. Thus, 100% of your donations go to support the Historic Carleton Airport.

We continue to build on our great working relationship with and support from John Quilling, the Stanton Airport Manager, and his team.

We have set up a number of avenues for people to support the FCHA –

- We have a drop box in the FBO for people to drop off donations.
- We accept donations via checks mailed to us.
- We have a GiveMN.org account for people to donate on-line.
- We have a brokerage account. If it is advantageous for you to donate appreciated stock to FCHA, we will gladly accept your stock donation.
- We accept donations of Stanton Sport Aviation stock.
- We accept Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRAs. This can be a very tax advantaged way to donate to FCHA if you are at least 70 ½ years old.
- We would be delighted to be named a beneficiary in your estate planning.

We will be happy to give you more detailed information on the process and potential tax benefits of any of these options. In addition, we have created detailed instructions on how to make a donation to the Friends using a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. If you would like a copy of this document or have any questions about any of the above, please let us know.

For 2021, our focus is on –

- Completing the roof project
- Going “live” with our almost completed website.
 - A huge Thank You to Scott Carson for doing the “heavy lifting” on this project.
- Developing a legacy / endowment fund. (A carry over from 2020.)

We sincerely thank everyone who helped make a successful 2020 possible!

Lou Chouinard – President

Ken Ewald – Vice President

Vicki Chouinard – Secretary and Treasurer

Pilot Ground School:

Our 3rd annual Private Pilot Ground School starts very soon. Call us at 507-645-4030, email us at synairportmanager@gmail.com or go to our website at <https://stantonairfield.com/ground-school> for more information or to sign up.



LET'S FLY!

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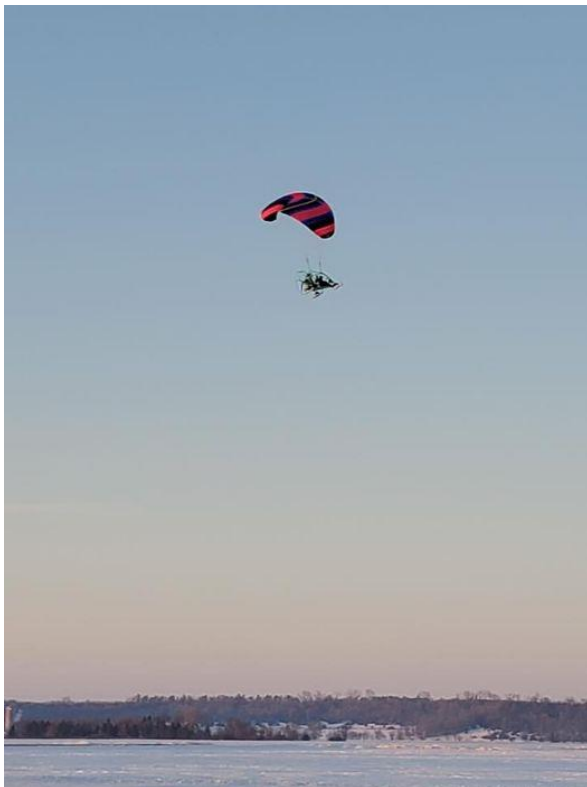
PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

SCHOOL STARTS
FEB. 15, 2021

MON. & WED. EVENINGS

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Stanton Airfield – not just about planes and gliders:



One of our most-frequent visitors is Tom Fitzhenry. He flies in here in his personal airplane, or in any one of the Civil Air Patrol airplanes, or in this case, in his powered parachute.

Wow Tom, that's got to be mighty cold up there with these temperatures!

FUEL: 100 LOW LEAD - \$3.74 SWIFT UL94 - \$4.35

Cessna 140 Restoration Project:

Volunteers Hank Geisler and Tom Kuhfeld have been working hard to restore this airplane. As you can see here, the project is moving along nicely.



At the completion of this restoration, this Cessna 140 will be sold. The asking price is \$29,900. If you have interest in this plane or have questions about the restoration, please contact John at 507-645-4030 or synairportmanager@gmail.com.

Airport Manager Report:

As viewed in the snow-filled pictures, we're still here and open for business as we push through the midpoint of winter in this cold month of February. January was a struggle for flying, having only 17 VFR days to start with. Then subtract some cold weather policy days resulting in only 31.5 flying hours. The good news was that we pumped 2,375 gallons of fuel. Thank you to our loyal customers!!

On the maintenance side, there were 22 work orders opened. At last count, we have 9 tail numbers taken apart to some degree, awaiting parts or shop space to complete. In addition, there are some 20 plus tail numbers in the queue as time permits. All of which make for very good issues to have as we continue down this strange COVID path.

Please remember to call ahead for runway conditions and to assure that we have a properly pre-heated aircraft ready for your flight. STAY WARM & FLY SAFE!!

As always, contact me with any comments or questions.

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